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GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

DEC. 8, 1863.

A STATED Communication of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 8th December, A. D. 1863, R. A. M. 2393.

Officers present.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON	Grand High Priest.
M. E. JOHN K. HALL	Dep. Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY CHICKERING	Grand King.
E. JOHN N. PIKE	Grand Scribe.
E. CALEB RAND	Grand Captain of the Host
E. WM. H. KENT	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand R. A. Captain.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	G. Master 3d Veil, *pro tem.*
E. M. WILLIAMS	G. Master 2d Veil. „ „
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE	G. Master 1st Veil.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON	Grand Steward.
E. JOHN P. ROBINSON	Grand Chaplain.
E. JAMES KIMBALL	G. C. of Correspondence.
E. WM. L. BATCHELDER	Grand Lecturer.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

E. M. P. WELLS, R. KEITH, E. W. TOLMAN, A. A. DAME, SAMUEL MILLARD GEO. TALBOT, C. C. DAME, WM. PARKMAN.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last communication read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's,	Thomas,	Keystone,
King Cyrus,	Worcester,	Mt. Sinai,
Washington,	Northampton,	Pilgrim,
Franklin,	Mt. Horeb,	Waverly,
St. Paul's,	Berkshire,	Orient.
Mt. Zion,	King Solomon's	

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be donated from the funds of the Grand Chapter to the family of our late Companion Wm. Knapp.

M. E. Companion John K. Hall was appointed a committee to present the same.

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars be donated to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, for charitable purposes.

Voted, That the Committee of Charity be authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, to be expended in charity.

M. E. Companions A. A. Dame, J. K. Hall and John McClellan were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions relative to the decease of our late venerated Companion Robert Lash.

Voted, That M. E Henry Chickering, John McClelland and Robert Keith, with the Grand Secretary, be appointed a committee to procure a fire-proof safe in which to place the records of this Grand Chapter.

The petition of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, for leave to remove from Enfield to Ware, was presented and referred to M. E. Companions Wm. W. Baker, Chas. C. Dame and Wm. S. Shurtleff. This committee subsequently submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to consider the subject of the petition of

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the removal of King Solomon's R. A. Chapter from Enfield to Ware, have carefully considered the subject and beg leave to report: That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should not at this time be granted; and if any change should be made the interests of the institution would be promoted by a union of the Chapter at Enfield with the Chapter at Palmer, to be located at Palmer, and would therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. BAKER,
C. C. DAME,
WM. S. SHURTLEFF.

BOSTON, December 8, 1863.

Some matters relating to the Past Master's degree were introduced and discussed; and subsequently the whole subject indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

A meeting of members of the Grand Chapter was held at 9 o'clock, A. M., December 8, at which the work and lectures appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry were exemplified and rehearsed.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 8, 1864.

A Stated Communication of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 8, A. D. 1864, R. A. M 2394.

Officers present.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON	Grand High Priest.
M. E. JOHN K. HALL	Dep. Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY CHICKERING	Grand King.

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E. John W. Dadmun	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
E. Caleb Rand	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. William H. Kent	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. Theodore H. Emmons	Grand R. A. Captain.
——— ———	G. Master 3d Veil.
——— ———	G. Master 2d Veil.
E. Frederick A. Pierce	G. Master 1st Veil.
E. Rev. Rufus S. Pope	Grand Chaplain.
E. Luther L. Tarbell	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

John McClellan, James Kimball, E. W. Tolman, Robert Keith, Wm. W. Baker, Wm. Parkman, C. C. Dame, A. A. Dame.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The records of the last communication read and approved. The following Chapters were represented:

St. Andrew's,	St. Paul's,	Berkshire,
Washington,	St. John's,	King Solomon's,
Adoniram,	Shekinah,	Keystone.
Morning Star,	Orient,	

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and other Officers and Members:

M. E. Thomas G. Gerrish, of Mt. Horeb Chapter, Lowell; M. E. Caleb Rand, of St. Paul's Chapter, Boston; M. E. Henry Chickering, of Berkshire Chapter, Pittsfield; M. E. John Stow, of Mt. Sinai Chapter, Lawrence; M. E. Marlborough Williams, of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston; M. E. Freeman Baker, of Waverly Chapter, Melrose; M. E. Wm. W. Whitmarsh, of Pilgrim Chapter, Abington; M. E. Henry S. Clarke, of Keystone Chapter, Foxborough, have been duly consecrated to the order of High Priesthood and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,

Sec. of the Mass. Con. of High Priests.

Boston, December 8, 1863.

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M. E. Companion A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the decease of our M. E. and venerated Companion Robert Lash, presented the following report, which was read and unanimously adopted:

In Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, March 8, 1864, the committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions on the occasion of the decease of Most Excellent Companion ROBERT LASH, ESQ., report the following for adoption:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the universe, in His inscrutible Providence, to remove from his earthly cares and labors our most esteemed and worthy Companion ROBERT LASH, ESQ., therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter deeply sympathize with his bereaved family in this hour of their affliction. That the geniality of his disposition, combined with his amiability of deportment, caused him to be loved and respected by all who knew him. That his zeal for and fidelity to the Masonic Institution was a marked and distinguished trait in his character. That as a son, father, brother, neighbor and friend he faithfully discharged every duty devolving upon him with singular fidelity.

Resolved, That our deceased Companion has gone to the world of spirits in a good old age, like a shock of corn fully ripe for the harvest, leaving not a stain or blemish upon his long and useful life; and that although the members of this Grand Chapter, in common with the family and other friends of the deceased, regret the loss of his counsel and advice; yet in the midst of our regrets we realize the consolation that in his departure from this life he now lives in realms of light and everlasting bliss.

Submitted by,

A. A. DAME,
JNO. K. HALL,
JNO. MCCLELLAN.

The petition of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, at Enfield, for leave to remove to Ware, was presented and referred to Companions Kimball, Rand and Foth. The committee subsequently reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and this report was accepted by the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion McClellan, in behalf of the committee appointed to provide better security for the safe keeping of the records of the Grand Chapter, reported that a suitable trunk should be procured, the records placed therein, and the trunk

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deposited in some fire-proof safe. The report was unanimously accepted.

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars as a donation be granted to Companion Geo. P. Kettell; and that M. E. Companion John K. Hall be appointed a committee to present the same.

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 7, 1864.

A Stated Communication of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 7, A. D. 1864, R. A. M 2394.

Officers present.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON	Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN N. PIKE	Grand Scribe.
E. CALEB RAND	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. GEO. T. AMBROSE	G. Master 3d Veil.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. WM. L. BATCHELDER, E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturers.
E. JOHN MCCLELLAN, E WM. F. KNOWLES	Committee of Finance.
E. JOHN P. ROBINSON	Grand Chaplain.
E. JAMES KIMBALL	Com. of Correspondence.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

WM. PARKMAN, E. W. TOLMAN, WINSLOW LEWIS, A. H. KIRKHAM, CHAS. C. DAME, SAMUEL MILLARD.

The Grand Chapter was opened in form. The records of the

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last meeting read and approved. The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's,	Morning Star,	Keystone,
King Cyrus,	St. Paul's,	Pilgrim,
Washington,	St. John's,	Mystic.
Adoniram,	King Solomon's,	

A petition for a new Chapter, to be located at Fall River, was presented, signed by Thomas D. Chaloner, Joshua Remington, Wm. A. Burt, R. C. Brown, Abner L. Westgate, James C Stafford, Silas Williams, D. Stillwell, James Davenport, Alden Gilbert, Chas. A. Holmes, Robert Henry, Jon. E Morrell and Jas. B. Brayton. This petition was referred to a committee consisting of Companions Rand, Taber and Lawrence, who subsequently submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions of Fall River, for the establishment of a Chapter of R. A. Masons in that city, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Caleb Rand,
Henry Taber 2d.
Daniel W. Lawrence.

Boston, June 7, 1864.

The foregoing report was read and unanimously accepted.

A communication from Companion Stephen A. Tripp, of New Bedford, setting forth certain proceedings of Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter in relation to the admission of Companion Henry Taber 2d to membership in that body, was read and laid upon the table. Subsequently this matter was called up, and after a full explanation of the facts in the case from Companion Taber, it was voted that Companion Tripp have leave to withdraw the communication aforesaid.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

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A warrant was granted to the petitioners for a new Chapter at Fall River, to be called Fall River Royal Arch Chapter, dated June 7, 1864, to continue in force one year.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

SEPT. 13, 1864.

The Annual Communication of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 13, A. D. 1864, R. A. M. 2394.

Officers present.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON	Grand High Priest.
M. E. HENRY CHICKERING	Grand King.
M. E. JOHN N. PIKE	Grand Scribe.
E. CALEB RAND	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand R. A. Captain.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE	G. Master 3d Veil.
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE	G. Master 1st Veil.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. WM. L. BATCHELDER E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturers.
E. REV. JOHN W. DADMUN E. REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON	Grand Chaplains.
E. JAMES KIMBALL	Com. on Foreign Correspondence.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN MCCLELLAN, WYZEMAN MARSHALL, A. A. DAME, E. W. TOLMAN, GEO. TALBOT, RICHARD BRIGGS, SAMUEL MILLARD, GEO. SHERWIN, WM. W. BAKER, CHAS. C. DAME.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

ST. ANDREW'S,	MOUNT ZION,	KEYSTONE,
KING CYRUS,	THOMAS,	MOUNT SINAI,
WASHINGTON,	WORCESTER,	PILGRIM,
ADONIRAM,	MOUNT LEBANON,	MYSTIC,
MORNING STAR,	ST. JOHN'S,	SUTTON.
ST. PAUL'S,	BERKSHIRE,	

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The Committee on Finance made their report, which was accepted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. M. E. Companions McClellan, Briggs and Rand were appointed a committee to collect, sort and count the votes. The following Grand officers were then unanimously elected, viz:

M. E. Solon Thornton	Grand High Priest.
M. E. Caleb Rand	Dep. Grand High Priest.
E. Albert E. Foth	Grand King.
E. Wanton T. Drew	Grand Scribe.
E. Peter C. Jones	Grand Treasurer.
E. Thomas Waterman	Grand Secretary.

The officers thus elected were duly installed, and the following appointments announced from the chair:

E. Theodore H. Emmons	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. George T. Ambrose	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. Frederick A. Pierce	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Lyman B. Meston	G. Master 3d Veil.
E. Henry Endicott	G. Master 2d Veil.
E. Marlborough Williams	G. Master 1st Veil.
E. Benjamin P. Shillaber	Senior Grand Steward.
E. William W. Whitmarsh	Junior Grand Steward.
E. Alfred F. Chapman	Grand Lecturer.
E. Rev. Rufus S. Pope E. Rev. John P. Robinson E. Rev. John W. Dadmun	Grand Chaplains.
E. John McClellan E. Richard Briggs E. Wm. F. Knowles	Committee of Finance.
E. Peter C. Jones E. Wm. Parkman E. Richard Briggs	Trustees of the Funds.
E. Wm. Parkman E. Thomas Waterman E. Samuel Millard	Committee of Charity.
E. James Kimball	Com. on Foreign Correspondence.
E. Luther L. Tarbell	Grand Tyler.

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The foregoing appointments were approved by the Grand Chapter, the officers duly installed, and the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host.

The decease of M. E. Companions Benjamin Huntoon, John B. Hammatt and Edward A. Raymond, Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, was announced. Companions Thomas Tolman, Caleb Rand and Theodore H. Emmons were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Companion Huntoon. Companions A. A. Dame, C. C. Dame and Marlborough Williams were appointed a committee to draft similar resolutions on the death of Companion Hammatt. And Companions A. A. Dame, John R. Bradford and Robert Keith a committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Companion Edward A. Raymond.

The Grand Chapter was then closed with usual ceremonies.

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

DEC. 13, 1864.

A Stated Communication of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 13th, A. D. 1864, R. A. M. 2394.

Officers present.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON	Grand High Priest.
M. E. CALEB RAND	Dep. Grand High Priest.
M. E. ALBERT E. FOTH	Grand King.
M. E. WANTON T. DREW	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON	G. Master 3d Veil.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT	G. Master 2d Veil.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	G. Master 1st Veil.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.

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E. William W. Whitmarsh	Grand Steward.
E. Rufus S. Pope, E. John P. Robinson	Grand Chaplains.
E. John McClellan, E. Wm. F. Knowles	Committee of Finance.
E. Alfred F. Chapman	Grand Lecturer.
E. James Kimball	Com. on Foreign Correspondence.
E. Luther L. Tarbell	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

Wendell T. Davis, E. M. P. Wells, A. A. Dame, John R. Bradford, Samuel Millard, E. W. Tolman, Gyles P. Stone, Wm. W. Baker, George Talbot, Wm. Parkman, Chas. C. Dame, Henry Chickering.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's,	Worcester,	Berkshire,
King Cyrus',	Mt. Lebanon,	Keystone,
Washington,	Northampton,	Mount Sinai,
Adoniram,	Concord,	Pilgrim,
Morning Star,	St. John's,	Waverly,
St. Paul's,	Shekinah,	St. Matthew's,
Mount Zion,	Orient,	Mystic,
Thomas,	Pentucket,	Sutton.

A petition, signed by Eben Denton, C. C. Allen, Joseph G. Holt, John D. Jennings, S. M. Davis, Eben D. Jones, W. D. Bickford, Thomas Le Francis, Jr., Frank A. Kennedy, Fred. W. Gregory, Lucius R. Paige, Z. H. Thomas, Jr. and William F. Knowles, praying for leave to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Cambridge, was received and referred to a committee consisting of M. E. Companions Wm. Parkman, A. A. Dame and Chas. C. Dame. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of certain Companions of Cambridge, for a Royal Arch Chapter, to be located at

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Cambridge, and known as Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter, would respectfully recommend that a dispensation be granted when the petitioners shall comply with the constitutional requirements of obtaining the consent of the nearest Chapter.

WM. PARKMAN,
A. A. DAME,
C. C. DAME.

BOSTON, December 13, 1864.

A petition was presented, signed by Charles A. Welch, Wm. B. Lerned, Henry Milliken, G. B. Williams, F. Lyman Winship, Louis A. Felix, John C. Locke, H. M. Britton, J. W. Fairbanks, Joseph C. Bates, Henry Martyn, W. J. Underwood, Chas. Moore and W. B. Bothamly, praying for leave to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Waltham, to be named Waltham Chapter. This petition was committed to M. E. Companions Caleb Rand, Wendell T. Davis and Peter C. Jones, who subsequently submitted the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions for the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Waltham, have considered the subject in conference with parties interested and cheerfully report, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB RAND,
WENDELL T. DAVIS,
PETER C. JONES.

BOSTON, December 13, 1864.

The foregoing report, having been read, was unanimously accepted.

The petition for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Taunton was presented, signed by J. W. Crossman, Silas Dean, W. H. Brown, J. M. Cook, John H. Eddy, Charles F. Johnson, Wm. Cox, Edward Mott, S. N. Staples, Edward E. Washburn, Isaac G. Currier, Chas. T. Robinson, E. H. Eldridge, F. G. Shalling, Thomas Y. Rothwell, S. P. Briggs,

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Charles Lawton, Zacheus Sherman, A. J. Robinson, John Holland, Charles E. Stephens, J. J. Stanley, R. Henry Hall, L. O. Barnard, E. M. Jones, John E. Brown, Robert Crossman, C. P. Harris, James Utley and D. A. Trefethen, to be called St. Mark's Royal Arch Chapter, and referred to M. E. Companions Henry Chickering, Wm. W. Whitmarsh and Frederic J. Foss. This committee reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and the report was unanimously accepted.

The following report, by M. E. Companion Tolman, was presented, read and unanimously accepted:

The committee, to whom was referred the announcement of the death of the Reverend Benjamin Huntoon, ask leave to submit the following report:

It having pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to remove from this life our M. E. and Rev. Companion BENJAMIN HUNTOON, of Canton, we desire to place upon our records a tribute of respect, however imperfect it may be, to his memory. He received the degrees in this city about the year 1819, and from that time until his death, a term of more than forty years, was a much beloved and honored member of our Fraternity. In the years 1849, '50 and '51 he was Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter; and since that time sustained the office of Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. He was also, at an earlier period of his life, High Priest of the Chapter at Stoughton, (Mt. Zion,) and held at different times many minor Masonic offices. His Masonic addresses were numerous, and several of them were printed. On the 4th of July, 1825, he delivered the oration on the occasion of laying in Masonic form the corner-stone of the Court House at Dedham, in the county of Norfolk, and in the year 1842, at the request of the Grand Lodge, he pronounced a Eulogy on the life and character of the R. W. and Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, of Dorchester, Past Grand Chaplain and Historiographer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In the several relations of life he has left an example worthy of imitation. He was a "good man and true," and these words to us have a peculiar significance. Possessing a genial temper, affable manners, gentlemanly deportment, and a kind and sympathizing heart, he secured the respect and affection of a large circle of friends, who, while they mourn his loss, are consoled with the

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belief that he is now among those of whom it is said, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

THOMAS TOLMAN,
CALEB RAND,
T. H. EMMONS.

BOSTON, December 10, 1864.

M. E. Companion A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, presented the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted:

In Grand Chapter, December 13, 1864. The committee appointed to prepare and report resolutions on the death of M. E. Companion John B. Hammatt submit the following:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the universe to remove, as we trust, to a better world, our late Companion JOHN B. HAMMATT, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That in his death one of the brightest lights in the Masonic horizon has been extinguished, that one of the most devoted friends of the Order has been removed from among us.

Resolved, That although his usefulness for over half a century has been prolonged to the Fraternity, and he has realized the assurance, "That the days of our years are three-score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four-score years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow," still in the remembrance of his devotedness to the best interests of the Masonic Institution we cannot but sincerely deplore his loss.

Resolved, That in calling to mind the virtues of our departed Companion and his accomplishments as a Mason, which endeared him to many friends, and exalted him to the highest honors, we lament that on this occasion so little justice can be done to his memory. For his fidelity to the Order, his punctuality and attention in the path of duty, his unassuming deportment, his courteous and cordial address, his spotless integrity in business, and, we have reason to believe, his unfeigned Christian meekness during a protracted Masonic career of above sixty years, deserve more than a brief resolution in such a life; but his character is written down on our memory. We knew him as among the foremost defenders of our Institution in the dark days of persecution; he has since been with us in our meridian prosperity, and to whom can we compare this noble and exemplary Mason with more fitness than to one of those whose memorial stands in our memory among the most beautiful emblems of Masonry.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Grand Chapter.

Submitted by,

A. A. DAME,
CHAS. C. DAME,
M. WILLIAMS,

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M. E. Companion A. A. Dame, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the decease of M. E. Edward A. Raymond, submitted the following report:

In Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, December 13, 1864, the committee appointed to prepare and report resolutions on the decease of M. E. Companion Edward A. Raymond, submit the following:

Resolved, That we sympathize with the family of our late excellent Companion Raymond in the time of their affliction.

Resolved, That the many offices which he was called to fill in the Masonic Institution, during a period of fifty years, and the acceptable manner in which he performed the duties devolving upon him, affords the best evidence of his fidelity and zeal for the promotion of the best interests of the Fraternity.

Resolved, That his untiring industry, shrewd judgment, and truly economical habits ensured him eminent success in all his business transactions.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the records of this Grand Chapter.

A. A. DAME,
J. R. BRADFORD.

A communication from King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter, of Newburyport, containing the proceedings of that body in relation to the expulsion of a member, was received and referred to Companions Bradford, Williams and Dike; this committee subsequently reported that the action of King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter in the matter aforesaid was in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter, and the report was accepted.

The Charters of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapters having been unfortunately lost in the destruction of Freemasons' Hall by fire in April last, it was voted that new Charters be granted to the two Chapters aforesaid.

The petition for charity, in behalf of the daughter of the M. E. Thomas Smith Webb, was presented and referred to the Committee of Charity, with full power.

A discussion was had in relation to some parts of the M. E. Master's degree, when it was voted that the old form be retained.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

Warrants have been granted to the following newly organized

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Chapters, all dated Dec. 13, 1864, to continue one year from the date:

CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, at Cambridge; WALTHAM CHAPTER, at Waltham; ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, at Taunton.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

M. E. COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in submitting their Annual Report, cannot forbear congratulating the Royal Craft upon the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry within our own jurisdiction. Our returns show that the number of Charters granted, and the amount of work performed, has been above that of former years; and it gives us pleasure to know that every grade of Masonry within our old Commonwealth, rejoices in the same prosperity.

But in the midst of our prosperity we are reminded of the uncertainty of all earthly greatness, for our Order has been called to mourn and lament, and say with the Prophet of old, "Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burnt up with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste."

On the night of the 6th of April, 1864, the Winthrop House, in the city of Boston, owned by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in which were the beautiful Masonic Apartments occupied by the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies meeting in Boston, was entirely consumed by fire. The valuable Masonic Library, consisting of upward of 1000 volumes, many of them of priceless value; its series of portraits of former Grand Masters, with all of the costly banners, regalias and decorations owned by the various Grand and Subordinate Bodies, were entirely consumed. May it not be the privilege of our Brethren to behold ere long the commencement of another Temple, which shall stand as a monument of the architectural skill of the age in which we live, and worthy of the Institution for whose service it shall be erected.

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From abroad we have received the Proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, viz:

Canada,	Aug. 1863.
Connecticut,	May, 1863.
Iowa,	June, 1863.
Illinois,	Oct. 1863.
Indiana,	May, 1864.
Kentucky,	Oct. 1863.
Minnesota,	Oct. 1863.
Maine,	June, 1864.
Michigan	May, 1864.
Maryland and District of Columbia,	Nov. 1863.
New York,	Feb. 1863.
New Jersey,	Sept. 1863.
Rhode Island,	March, 1863.
Vermont,	Oct. 1863.

We commence our list with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

CANADA.

The 6th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, was holden in the city of Toronto, on the 11th day of August, 1863. M. E. John Charles Frank, Grand Z. presiding.

The address of the Grand Z. was confined to a retrospect of occurrences during the recess, and the necessary information on such matters as required the action of the Grand Body. He communicates the replies to the "address of condolence," which was adopted by the Grand Chapter and transmitted to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, informing the Grand Chapter "that their sympathy was fully appreciated by Her Majesty." In concluding his report he remarks:

"The occurrences of the recess just past may be wound up in the few words—'Peace and prosperity reigned within our sanctuaries;' and as to the future, the harmony of subordinate Chapters seems so complete as to call for but little legislation."

The following Resolution was adopted:

"That whereas the present Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Canada enacts that no honorary jewel shall be worn therein that is

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not consistent with those Degrees recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter; and whereas it is necessary to define those Degrees, therefore, it is declared that this Grand Chapter recognizes and acknowledges the E. A., F. C., and M. M., of the Craft Degrees, the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees, and the Knights Templars and the Knights of Malta; to obtain the two last Degrees a Knight must be a Royal Arch Companion."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, our own not having been received. From this review we notice the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland to March 11th, 1863. The Grand Scribe congratulates the Grand Chapter of Scotland on its increased prosperity, six new Chapters having been established, and five dormant ones re-opened with a large increase of members. We also notice that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, at a meeting held on the 17th of December, 1862, suspended four Chapters and thirteen Companions of the Order resident in Glasgow, for insubordination and disobedience to the Supreme Chapter. It seems from the report that these suspended Companions formed themselves into what they called a General Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Scotland and the Colonies. They commenced issuing charters and working the Royal Arch Degrees. A manifesto was issued by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland on the 13th of April, 1863, "intimating to all sister Grand Chapters, and to request that the usual publicity may be given to it among their daughter Chapters, in order that these Chapters may not, through ignorance, communicate with spurious Chapters and expelled brethren." The names of these brethren are given, all of whom reside in Glasgow.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, of Quebec, was elected Grand Z., and E. Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, was re-elected Grand Scribe, E.

Number of Chapters reported, 22; number of members reported, 854.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State, was holden in the city of Hartford, on Tuesday, the 12th of May, 1863. M. E. Nathan Dikeman, Grand High Priest, presiding. All but two Chapters were represented.

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The Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter, from which we present the following extract:

"While the great question of *free institutions* is upon trial, is it not true that the principles which we profess as Masons are upon trial also? Are not our professions subjected to a test such as we have never before experienced? Hundreds of our brethren and Companions have gone forth under a patriotic sense of duty, and given their lives a sacrifice upon the altar of their country. Their bodies rest beneath the long low mounds of the battle-field, unwatched save by the stars; no monument to mark their resting place, and their identity known only to the 'All-seeing Eye' of Omnipotence. They went forth confident in the belief that should they fall, those who were near and dear to them and dependent on them, would, among Masons, find friends who would 'administer relief to their distresses and comfort their afflictions.' Shall it be said that their belief was an empty delusion? Shall their blood cry to heaven to witness our perfidy? That when the hour of trial came we were found wanting? That Masonry is an institution whose members are active and faithful only under the sunshine of prosperity? The hour and time has come to test the great principles which we profess. Let us see to it that we meet the issue with open heart and hand, and prove to the world that in the hour of adversity and trial our charities and sympathies are co-extensive with the occasion which calls them forth."

The Grand High Priest also alludes "to an evil which exists in many Chapters of promoting officers in subordinate stations in *regular succession*, not so much for their capacity to fill the superior office, as from a feeling that common practice has made it due to them, when once in the line of promotion." This subject was referred to a special committee, who reported the following Resolution which was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

"*Resolved*, That in all elections in our several Chapters (Grand and Subordinate,) it is the duty of Companions to elect to office those of their number who are best qualified to fill the stations to which they are elected, without reference to the position which they occupy in the Chapter, thereby making their several bodies more effective as working Royal Arch Masons and as subordinate bodies."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from Comp. William Storer, and is an interesting document, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, our own included. Many of these reports were noticed in our proceedings of last year. In concluding his report he remarks:

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"We have seen that Royal Arch Masons, so far as we have been permitted to receive tidings from them, continue to be true to their Masonic obligations of 'obedience to the government of the country in which they live;' that they give 'no countenance to disloyalty or rebellion;' that they are disposed 'patiently to submit to legal authority;' and that they generally practice those virtues out of the Chapter that are inculcated in it."

Let us all, Companions—and all Masons everywhere, adhere strictly to the principles and inculcations of this "best of human organizations." And may our Supreme Grand High Priest, in great mercy, speed the day when wars and rumors of wars shall be hushed in all our land, when peace, righteousness and justice shall universally prevail! So mote it be! Amen.

M. E. Asa Smith, of Norwalk, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp, E. G. Storer, of New Haven, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Whole number of Chapters, 22; whole number of members as reported, 1745; whole number exalted, 143.

IOWA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Iowa met in Annual Convocation in Iowa City, on the 30th of May and 1st of June, 1863. M. E. L. S. Swafford, Grand King, presiding. Number of Chapters represented, 10.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the M. E. Grand High Priest, Caleb Lamb, explaining the reasons of his absence. He says:

"In November last I laid aside the staff and took up the sword, and offered my services to the Government, to assist in putting down the rebellion now raging in our beloved country. I hope the old flag of our Union may soon wave over all States and Territories of our national domain, and peace and harmony be again restored to our afflicted country."

The E. Grand King presented his annual address, communicating the following circular, issued by the Grand High Priest, before his departure for the seat of war:

"*To the Officers and Companions in this Jurisdiction:*

COMPANIONS:—As it becomes necessary for me to be absent from the State for an indefinite period, the duties of Grand High Priest for

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the time being will devolve upon my deputy, R. E. Dr. E. A. Guilbert, of Dubuqne. All communications designed for the Grand High Priest will be addressed to him until otherwise ordered.

Yours, fraternally,

[L. S.] CALEB LAMB, *Grand High Priest.*

Attest.; W. B. LANGRIDGE, *Grand Secretary.*"

"In accordance with this circular, I considered it right and proper for R. E. Dr. E. A. Guilbert, Dep. Grand High Priest, to exercise the functions of the Grand High Priesthood until very recently. On consultation with my associates in office and with others, I was led to decide otherwise. As there seems to be some ground for a difference of opinion upon this matter, regarding the duties and prerogatives of some of the Grand Officers, I suggest that the matter be referred to a committee, with instruction to report such alterations as they may think right and proper, to make the duties of the Grand Officers definite, plain and explicit; and, as I believe this is the first time a case of the kind has presented itself, we should at once meet it with the consideration it demands, and guard every avenue against innovation and confusion."

There is nothing further of general interest alluded to in the address of the Grand High Priest *pro tem.*

The Dep. Grand High Priest, in presenting his address, gives his reasons for not assuming the duties of the chair, and says:

"That he has delegated that duty to the R. E. Grand King; and for reasons which I desire to explain, inasmuch as a grave question of jurisprudence is involved, which it is important you should consider and decide. My attention was called to this matter only yesterday forenoon, by our excellent Grand Secretary, who propounded a question in his peculiarly clear phraseology, which seemed to me very novel indeed. I had before given the matter no thought, and had considered the action of our most excellent Grand High Priest in devolving upon me the duties of his high station, as perfectly in accordance with the spirit and scope of Royal Arch Masonry. I was prevented from investigating the matter by reason of the fact with which I was familiar, and which is well known to all students of Masonry, that, in the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Master is absent from the jurisdiction, or is not in attendance at the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Deputy presides for him as his proxy; and being next in rank to his Masonic chief, *is Grand Master de facto.* Since my attention has been called to this matter I have given it much thought; and the views I here express are approved by the Grand Council, &c. I hold that Royal

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Arch Masonry, in its theory of construction, differs essentially from Blue Lodge Masonry. In the Grand Chapter we have what is called the Grand Council, and which is composed of three Companions, viz: the M. E. Grand High Priest, King and Scribe. The founder of Royal Arch Masonry—with reverence be it spoken—based the theory of the Order upon the idea of the Trinity; and this theory runs through all the majestic ceremonial of Royal Arch Masonry, and more or less colors all its laws and ceremonials. In America, owing to the fact that the lodges and chapters have become somewhat blended, because they have a common membership, and because Grand Officers of Grand Chapters have not thought of these things, or, if having thought, have not pronounced authoritatively thereupon; and because the General Grand Chapter has fallen into the error of recognizing the Deputy Grand High Priest as the superior officer to the Grand King and Scribe, the scope of the organization has been lost sight of almost entirely; but in England, which is the *alma mater* of Royal Arch Masonry in America, the lines are so distinctly drawn between the two branches of the Order 'that he who runs may read.' The Grand Council there, is a *three-headed unity*. This body and not the Grand High Priest alone, makes all the appointments, and collectively decides, when in session, all questions of Royal Arch Masonry polity which may arise. They are endowed alike with certain prerogatives, and they have the same illustrious title. These being facts, it naturally follows that when one of the heads is removed by death or absence, the next highest officer, viz: the Most Excellent King succeeds to the chief seat in the sanctuary; and in his absence the Most Excellent Scribe becomes thus exalted. The Deputy Grand High Priest holds an anomalous position. In my opinion, the office is no more needed than is a fifth wheel to an omnibus. He is a mere ornamental appendage of the chief officers of the Grand Chapter, or in other words, being really the Deputy of the Grand Council, he is simply a servant with three masters, without honors, emoluments or position. 'He runs with the machine' but is not of it. He is but a tenant at will of a station which is only one of sufferance. He is a feebly shining satelite revolving in an erratic and ill-defined orbit around the shining suns who illuminate the sanctuary. His 'ineffectual fires' should be effectually 'paled' by abolished the office entirely."

The Deputy Grand High Priest also recommends the adoption of a resolution abolishing the office of Deputy Grand High Priest.

From a careful consideration of this question, we have come to a different conclusion from that to which our M. E. Companion has arrived; and we think that if he had taken *more time* to examine it in all of its bearings he would also have come to a like conclusion. It should be the duty, and no doubt is the desire, of every Grand Chapter, to maintain and perpetuate the organization and work of

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Royal Arch Masonry, as it has been transmitted to us from the past, adhering "to the ancient landmarks of the Order." By referring to the original Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, adopted in 1799, we find, in Article II., Sec. 1st, it prescribes who shall be members of State Grand Chapters—"they shall severally consist of Grand High Priest, Dep. Grand High Priest. Sec. 2d gives to the Grand and Dep. Grand High Priest (and to them only) authority to call special meetings. Sec. 5th gives to the same (and to them only) "power and authority whenever they shall deem it expedient (during the recess of the Grand Chapter) to grant letters of dispensation, under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners empowering them to open a Chapter, &c."

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was instituted on the 13th of March, 1798, on the same day with the institution of the Grand Chapters of New York and Rhode Island; and there is but little doubt that the time of the organization of these Deputy Grand Chapters was fixed at a Convention, holden in Boston, in the Fall of 1797, as the Royal Arch Masons of these States were represented.

The first Constitution adopted provided for the election of a Deputy Grand High Priest, and defined his duties; the same provisions have been continued to the present time; and we find that the first charters granted by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, was to St. Andrew's of Boston, and King Cyrus of Newburyport, the two Masonic bodies that had created the State Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; and these are signed by the Grand High Priest, the Dep. Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, and from that time to the present this practice has been continued. At the installation of the Dep. Grand High Priest he is charged, that in the absence of the Grand High Priest he is to preside over the Craft. The Grand King is charged, that in the absence of the Grand High Priest and Dep. Grand High Priest he is to preside; thus defining their duties in the most concise manner. We think that the same system has been adopted by most of the Grand Chapters; and we should regret any change which might impair or weaken our Organization.

We admit, with our E. Companion, that the theory of the Order may have been founded upon the Holy Trinity, and it was to perfect that theory that a Deputy was to be chosen, that in the absence of the High Priest his place should be filled by an officer possessing *equal qualifications* with himself, without vacating the office of King or

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Scribe, for it is not always that the King has attained to the office of High Priest in a Chapter. Take the present case,—if the Deputy has no powers then the Council has none, if our Companion's views are correct, for it ceases to be a triune body. To prevent the possibility of their being a vacancy in the office of Grand High Priest, this office was created and intrusted to an officer possessing equal qualifications. When the Grand High Priest is present he (the Deputy Grand High Priest) "is to assist him with his counsel and his co-operation;" but that he "is a servant with *three masters*, without *honors*, *emoluments* or *position*," we cannot so see it.

Again; we think that if the General Grand Chapter has fallen into the error of recognizing the Dep. Grand High Priest as the superior officer to the Grand King or Scribe it is a proof of its correctness, not because we think that body infallible, but it is to us, presumptive evidence that when the Gen. Grand Chapter was instituted by the several Grand Chapters, who met in convention for that purpose, they intended it to be so regarded as the usage of Royal Arch Masonry.

Upon the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into America it was changed somewhat from that of England, and whatever may be our opinions as to the wisdom of those changes, we are bound to preserve and transmit it as we received it, as well in its organization as its work. If we wish to revise it let it be by referring to the past, rather than by our views of what we may consider improvements at the present day. It is true that by the action of the General Grand Chapter they have left it to each Grand Chapter to take such action on such questions, as they may determine to be right, but not altering the *ancient usages* of the Order. But will it not be for the best interests of our Institution to adhere to the landmarks as they have been handed down to us by our fathers in Masonry?

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was committed the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, reported that they had considered the same, and that the position taken by him they regard as sound Masonic law, and recommend that the resolution reported by him be adopted. *Resolved*, That the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, be, and hereby is abolished; and that the appellation, wherever it occurs in the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Chapter, be stricken out. Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a review of the proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, and say:

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"We shall abstain from comment upon the disturbed state of the country, but shall reserve the privilege of quoting an occasional eloquent or patriotic passage as we find them before us, and proceed at once to lay before you the result of our labors."

M. E. Comp. W. E. Woodward was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. W. B. Langridge re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 28; number of members, 555; number of exaltations, 60. 7 Chapters have failed in making their annual reports. Amount of Grand Chapter dues paid in, $430.

ILLINOIS.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Springfield on the 9th of October, 1863. M. E. James H. Hibberd, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The report of the Grand High Priest was confined to the present condition of Royal Arch Masonry within his own jurisdiction. From his report we learn that many of the chapters, in consequence of the great number of their members being in the service of their country, have become reduced to such an extent, that it is almost impossible for them to continue their work, thus embarrassing the Grand Chapter by the inability of the Subordinates in paying up their dues. When it is remembered, that in most of the jurisdictions outside of New England, the officers and representatives receive a mileage and per diem for their services, requiring from one to three thousand dollars annually to meet their current expenses, we can well understand how the Grand Chapters, who are entirely dependent upon the activity of their Subordinates, must feel their embarrassments at the present time. Perhaps there is no jurisdiction that has been so largely affected by the demands made upon the patriotism of the people as this thriving State; and no institution has felt it more than our own, made up as it is of those who are engaged in the active pursuits of life, and who have ever been found ready at all times to meet the demands of their country. We trust that the day is not far distant when Peace may again smile upon us, and our Companions of the West be permitted to turn "their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks." We tender to them our sympathies, and can only pray that the great "I AM" in His infinite mercy, will prepare the way for a sure, speedy and permanent peace.

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The Grand High Priest reports:—"That he had applications during the year, from members of Chapters residing near the State line, to demit and join Chapters in the adjoining State, giving as the reason that the Chapter in the adjoining State was nearer their place of residence than the one of which they are members. I did not grant the applications, believing that the precedent would be an injurious, if not fatal one, upon that and other Chapters thus situated; for if the principle was carried out in all of the Chapters near the State line it would reduce the revenue of the Grand Chapter and so weaken those Chapters that they would soon cease to exist. Also the subject of State jurisdiction would bring them in conflict with each other in matters of discipline and be a constant source of trouble."

We think it would be unwise to grant applications of this character, and that it would be subversive of the true spirit of our Institution, and be the means of introducing an element of discord, which should be banished from our councils.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was from the Grand Secretary, but owing to his pressing duties was not as full as usual, we find. Memorial Pages are dedicated to the memories of *nineteen Companions* who have fallen in battle.

Amongst the standing resolutions of the Grand Chapter we notice the following:

"That the several Chapters in this State are prohibited from conferring any degrees upon non-affiliated Master Masons."

"That no Chapter or officer, or member thereof, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason of any degree to proceed from Chapter to Chapter as a pauper or in any itinerant manner apply to Chapters for relief."

M. E. Hiram W. Hubbard, of Bloomington, was elected Grand High Priest and E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 62; number of Chapters U. D., 4; Military Chapters, 1; total, 67. Number of members in 48 Chapters, 1929; estimated in 18 Chapters not reported, 360; total, 2289; number exalted, 347; number of deaths as reported, 47.

INDIANA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was holden in the city of Indianapolis on the 18th and 19th of

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May, 1864. M. E. Erastus W. H. Ellis, Grand High Priest presiding. The Grand High Priest reports:

"That he takes pleasure in announcing the continued and increasing prosperity of our Order. In some instances few additions have been made to our membership, but in none has a Chapter ceased from its labor."

Dispensations were granted to Companions in Plymouth, Marshall County, and Newcastle, Henry County, for the formation of Chapters under this jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest reported his decision upon the application of a High Priest of a Chapter upon the propriety of conferring the Chapter Degrees upon a brother, who for many years had been a Master Mason and Master of a Lodge, but who had lost his left arm in the service of his country.

"I replied, that in my opinion he was capable of receiving, understanding and communicating the Degrees, and that the Chapter would have authority to confer them. Freemasonry will not require a more perfect physical organization than would be necessary in the commander of an army, or in the occupant of a seat in the Cabinet or the Presidential chair;—

'The mind's the standard of the man.'"

Upon the reference of the report and address of the Grand High Priest to the usual Committee, this subject was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who submitted the following report:

"That they much regret the necessity that compels them to differ with the M. E. Grand High Priest in the views he has expressed in this case. While your Committee freely admit the truth of the maxim that 'the mind's the standard of the man,' they cannot admit that the mind is the whole of the man, and all the prerequisites which render him eligible to be made a Royal Arch Mason. Your Committee could, with equal propriety, quote the words of him 'who spake as never man spake,' that 'from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh;' yet all very well know that Masonry has a universal language, whose utterances, while they are prompted by the impulses of the heart, are not expressed through the mouth at all, and it is this peculiar language that constitutes the distinctive feature in our organization.

Your Committee therefore think the decision of the M. E. Grand

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High Priest, given in this particular case, to be erroneous; for he who is incapacitated by physical defects from learning or correctly speaking this universal language is thereby wholly unqualified to be made a Royal Arch Mason.

Rule 33 of the Rules for the Government of Chapters reads as follows:

'When the physical disability of a candidate is not such as to prevent him from complying literally with the ceremonies of the degree, his admission will not be considered an infringement of the ancient landmarks.'

Now your Committee would suggest that a brother who had lost his left arm could not comply literally with the ceremonies of either of the degrees, not only in one, but in many particulars. Your Committee further believe that it is best to adhere strictly to the 'OLD LANDMARKS,'—that all applicants for the privileges of Masonry must be perfect, '*having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art.*'"

This report was adopted by the Grand Chapter, on a call of officers and Chapters, by a vote of 107 ayes to 8 nays. We have presented this report in full, for it may be brought home to us in the present day with much force; our patriotism may cause us to forget our duties as Royal Arch Masons. This wicked rebellion has maimed many a brother who would do honor to our Royal Craft, but will they not be physically disabled from working in the rough *quarries* of life, or of *aiding and assisting* in *rebuilding* the house of the Lord? May we be prepared to act wisely and in accordance with our ancient landmarks.

The following Resolution was also adopted by a suspension of the Rules of the Grand Chapter:

"Whereas, It is the duty of all true Masons to contribute of their means, as the Great Architect of the universe has blessed them, for the relief of the needy and suffering; and, whereas, the sons of Indiana on the battle-field and in hospitals, now demand our sympathies and aid; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay into the hands of the Sanitary Commission of this State the amount of one day's per diem of each paid Representative and Grand Officer in this Grand Chapter, to be deducted from the pay of each, and to be devoted to the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers of the State."

The amount thus donated from forty-four members was $176.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report the reception of

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the proceedings from sixteen State Grand Chapters, our own not amongst them; and in concluding their report remark:

"Our labors in this regard are now brought to a close. We have found it indeed a labor of love. At every step of our progress we have been cheered with the evidences presented of the prosperity of the Craft. Civil commotions and the heat of partizan strife have only rendered more conspicuous the beauties of our Order; and to-day, as it stands ready with its mantle of love to embrace the whole world in its charity, it is more dear to those who worship at its shrine than ever before."

M. E. Sol D. Bayless, of Fort Wayne, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Francis King, of Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 48; number of members, 1530; number exalted the last year, 125.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was holden in the city of Louisville on the 19th day of October, 1863. The M. E. Thomas Sadler, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, thus alludes to the trials that press upon our Institution in his own jurisdiction:

"My Companions, in consequence of the lamentable troubles in our once happy but now distracted country, I am sorry to say that Royal Arch Masonry has not prospered in many parts of the State, as I could have wished; but I hope and pray for a speedy re-union of full fellowship and brotherly love among the Craft throughout the whole State and country, and that every Companion will strictly adhere to all the charges given to Past Masters."

A charter was granted to Antioch Chapter, and a dispensation to twelve Companions for a Chapter in Salem, Livingston County, by the name of Bristow Chapter. Owing to the peculiar situation of our Companions in this jurisdiction, but a small number of Chapters were represented at this Convocation. No business was transacted excepting the ordinary business of the session.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, from M. E. Comp. S. D. McCullough, Dep. Grand High Priest, is an interesting report,

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reviewing the proceedings of thirteen Grand Chapters, all of which are on our files. We should do injustice to this report if we failed to present the concluding portion of it. He says:

"'Masonry is not religion,' any more than the fulfilment of the prophesies make a religion. The screams of the wild beasts about Babylon, the hooting of the owl, the dancing of the satyr, the crying of the dragons 'in her pleasant palaces' do not make up a religion, but are the fearful fulfilment of the terrific prophecies regarding that long-lost city ruined for its sins. The sculptured stones about the marble halls of Nineveh, are not a religion, but are the wonderful proofs of the tremendous truths of prophecy, and the living witnesses of God's wrath upon that magnificent city so graphically described by the Prophet.* The broken pillars and shattered columns before the 'exceeding magnifical'† temple at Jerusalem, the ploughed up stones, the ruined porch, the prostrate altars, the dried up lavers, are not a religion, but the terrible witnesses to the truth of God's word,—'there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.'‡ Even thus the present altar of the Mason, his sandal, his cord, his lesser and greater lights, his Mosaic pavement, his columns, his tesselated border, his blazing star, his naked heart, his spear, his sprig of evergreen, his lamb skin 'more ancient than the golden fleece or Roman eagle' ARE NOT a RELIGION—they are only symbols pointing back to the faith of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, and Moses, in the coming of one great atonement, the 'Lamb of God;' the 'Lion of the tribe of Judah;' the doctrine of the Trinity, the doctrine of the resurrection through the great 'SUBSTITUTE' of God for man.

And when we enter the precincts of a Masonic Lodge or Chapter frequented by Christian men, we stand within the threshold of a living, abiding miracle, whose mysteries, symbols and rites pointed out, long before they occurred, the dim prophetical drama of the profoundly solemn events which in the future to them, should take place in Jerusalem when there should be 'darkness over the earth from the sixth to the ninth hour.' Our old society is not a religion, nor does it teach a religion, nor can it save one soul of all the countless hosts who have assisted in its ceremonies; but it stands like a venerable beacon on the earth, looming up like a mirage, or, like the old pyramids and chiselled columns of the desert, pointing *us* back to events long gone by, but pointing Abraham and Moses and David and Isaiah and Daniel, to events which were to occur hundreds of years after they had slept with their fathers. Masonry is not a religion; it is a drama, a symbol a link connecting the living with the dead—the born with the unborn! It is the hyphen point connecting the past with the present and future, that one grand point being the mystery of all mysteries, the sacrifice of the 'Lamb of God' and his resurrection from the grave."

* Nahum iii. † 1 Chron. xxii: 5. ‡ Matt. xxiv: 2.

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M. E. Samuel D. McCullough was elected as Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. Phillip Swigert was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Whole number of Chapters under this jurisdiction, 71; 33 Chapters made no report; number of members reported in 38 Chapters, 1080; number of exaltations reported in 38 Chapters, 109.

MINNESOTA.

The Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State was holden at the city of St. Paul, on the 28th of October, 1863. M. E. A. E. Ames, Grand High Priest, presiding. Every Chapter under this jurisdiction was represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest reported that he had granted dispensations to two Chapters, located in the towns of Faribault and Winona; the doings of the M. E. Grand High Priest were approved and charters granted. The address of the Grand High Priest was very brief and will not require an extended notice, being confined to local matters. The only business acted upon, aside from the election and installation of officers, was the adoption of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the work adopted by the Committee of the G.·. G.·. R.·. A.·. C.·. of the U. S. of A., at their session in Washington, D. C., in April, 1860, be, and the same is hereby declared to be adopted as the work of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

Resolved, That M. E. A. T. C. Pierson, Past Grand High Priest be, and is hereby appointed a Grand Lecturer to disseminate the work adopted by the Grand Chapter."

We regret to say that in Massachusetts we have not yet seen the work adopted by the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, from the Chairman, Comp. Pierson, Grand Secretary, is an able and interesting one; giving a historical sketch of the formation of the several State Grand Chapters, and also of the Gen. Grand Chapter of the United States. We should do injustice to the labors of the Committee by presenting extracts from this report, as it should be presented entire, but our limits will not allow it. But we must be excused for correcting the date assigned to the organization of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Our Grand Chapter was organized on the 13th of March, 1798; and there is but little doubt that this time was agreed upon for the organization of the

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Grand Chapters of New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts by the convention of delegates which assembled at Boston on the 24th of October previous. The Committee in concluding their report say:

"That they have deviated from custom, and what is considered the legitimate work of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and no apology is offered for so doing. We believed that in noticing the organization of each Grand body, useful matter for future reference would be presented. It is a source of pleasure to us to be assured of the attachment of our young sister to its parent, the Gen. Grand Chapter of the United States, whilst many of the older organizations are doing all in their power to cripple its usefulness, our young sister reminds them of their duty by referring them to the obligation taken by every Royal Arch Mason, saying, 'That provision has never been changed and is still in force.' It is possible that this report may be seen by some of our Companions 'way down in civilization,' and if so, they may conclude that we take too ultra positions relative to the Gen. Grand Chapter. To such, all we ask is a fair examination and investigation of the facts stated. If we are wrong no one will be more ready to acknowledge it; but we want the evidence first. We believe that obligations taken are matters not entered into 'for the fun of the thing,' and of no binding force, but that they *are* of binding force; that no man can, of his own volition, and when it suits his purposes, absolve himself from their requirements. Every Royal Arch Mason, if regularly made, and every High Priest, if regularly installed, since 1806, of every Grand and Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter, has taken an obligation to maintain and support the Gen. Grand Royal Arch Constitution. There is a spirit of insubordination abroad in the land that must be checked, or our system is gone. That will be done which all the powers of anti-Masonry failed to accomplish. The arguments used against the Gen. Grand Chapter are exactly the same that the folks down South used against the General Government. The one in our opinion is about as rational as the other. There is no safety except in sustaining and obeying the laws; if they are onerous, or unequal, change them; but do it legitimately."

We cheerfully endorse the views as expressed by our M. E. Comp. Pierson, fully believing that our only safety lies in adhering to the laws and ancient landmarks of our Order. Masonry was never intended to be shaped to the popular and shifting opinions of the present day, nor to be governed by the democratic idea of the popular will; it is to be governed by the usages of the past, rather than by the customs of the present, and if our Companions in the far West are so far removed

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from "civilization," they should congratulate themselves that they have not the modern heresies to contend with.

The M. E. G. W. Prescott, of St. Paul, was elected Grand High Priest; and R. E. A. T. Pierson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 6; number of exaltations, 69; number of members, 189.

MAINE.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine was holden in the city of Portland, on the 2d day of May, 1864. The M. E. Grand High Priest, John J. Bell, presiding. Thirteen Chapters, the whole number in this jurisdiction, represented.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had granted dispensations for new Chapters to Companions at Brunswick, to be called St. Paul's; to Companions at Skowhegan, to be called Somerset; to Companions at Machias, to be called Washington; and to Companions at Calais, to be called St. Croix Chapter. The Grand High Priest also reported the following decision made by him during the recess:

"The Companions named in the dispensation are the only members of a Chapter U. D., and no other Companions can be admitted to ballot."

He also reported the death of E. Comp. Arthur Shirley, for many years the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maine:

"An earnest and faithful Mason while he remained on earth, his interest in our institution never flagged, and though for some years he could not from his infirmities meet with us, still his wishes and his hopes were with us; and even after his sight had departed, on one occasion, at least, he was present to cheer his Companions with his counsels and his prayers."

There are also reports from the Dep. Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe reporting their visitations to the Chapters assigned them by the Grand High Priest. From the reports of the Grand Council we learn that Royal Arch Masonry in Maine is in a prosperous and healthy condition. May the day be far distant, when we shall hear, that any thing but peace and prosperity reigns throughout her borders.

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The Committee on Masonic jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest: "The Grand High Priest has no authority to grant a dispensation to fill a vacancy in the Council of a Chapter, occasioned by death, although he may in a subordinate office;" submitted the following report which was accepted and adopted:

"That the only restriction upon the power of the Grand High Priest to grant dispensations to fill vacancies in the offices of subordinate Chapters, is, in their opinion, the right and duty of one officer, under the constitutions and usages of the Order, to succeed to the duties and powers of another office in case of a vacancy. Hence, when there is a vacancy in any office, to the duties of which, or of an officer superior to it, an inferior officer by right succeeds, under our constitutions and usages, and that inferior office is not vacant, the Grand High Priest has no power to issue a dispensation to fill the vacancy. If a vacancy occurs in the office of High Priest, the King, by the constitution and usages of the Order, has the prerogative to fill the vacant station and perform its duties. It is not only his *right*, but his *duty*, imposed upon him as an incident to his office. And as an installed officer cannot resign or waive his rights, it would seem that he is bound to perform the duties of High Priest in case of a vacancy, and cannot waive his right to do so. In case of a vacancy in the offices of High Priest and King, the Scribe succeeds to the same duties and powers. As these rights are granted and these duties are imposed by the constitutions and usages of the Order, the Grand High Priest cannot interfere and deprive them of these rights, or excuse them from these duties.

Applying these principles, we find that a vacancy in the office of High Priest cannot be filled by dispensation as long as there is a King or Scribe to perform the duties; nor in the office of King as long as there is a Scribe; for although the Scribe never succeeds to the duties of the King, yet if the office should be filled by a new election, it cuts off the Scribe from succeeding to the duties of High Priest, should there subsequently be a vacancy in that office, and thereby deprives him of rights which, under the constitutions and long established usages, he acquires by his installation. But as in case of vacancy in the office of Scribe, no inferior office succeeds to its duties, it follows that the vacancy may be filled by an election under a dispensation from the Grand High Priest. For the same reason if there are vacancies in both offices of King and Scribe, or if all three offices in the Council be vacant, the Grand High Priest may properly grant a dispensation for an election to fill them."

The Committee on the "Doings of Grand Officers," reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

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"*Resolved*, That whenever a dispensation is granted for conferring degrees, it shall be the duty of the officer granting the same, to require and receive of the Chapter to whom the same may be granted, the sum of three dollars for each candidate, for the dispensation, which shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer for the sole use of the Charity Fund of the Grand Chapter; and the Chapter shall require of each candidate five dollars in addition to their usual fee."

Charters were granted to the several Chapters U. D., viz: Washington, Somerset, St. Paul's and St. Croix. Memorial pages were dedicated to the memories of Nathaniel Coffin, Past Grand High Priest, Charles Chase, Past Dep. Grand High Priest, and Arthur Shirley, Past Grand Secretary.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, is as usual, full and complete. The Committee say,—"That in no previous year have they been permitted to recognize courtesies and commendations for this Grand Chapter, so cordial and uniform, as in the present year's correspondence." The reports of seventeen Grand Chapters have passed under the notice of Comp. Pearl, and all that was of importance in these reports have been communicated to the Grand Chapter of Maine. Having such a flood of light shed upon them there is but little doubt that they will "be inspired with persistent endeavors to deserve well of the Royal Craft by integrity, fidelity and devotion to our appropriate work."

M. E. Andrew J. Fuller was elected and installed as Grand High Priest, and Ira Berry re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 17; number of members, 877; number of exaltations the past year, 199.

MICHIGAN.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was holden at Detroit, on the 11th and 12th of January, 1864. M. E. Benj. Porter, Grand High Priest, presiding. All of the Chapters were represented by their officers, or by their proxies.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had visited all of the Chapters under his jurisdiction but two; and had granted dispensations for two Chapters, to which charters were voted by the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest called the attention of the Grand Chapter to an evil practice which exists in some other portions of our country besides his own. He says:

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"It pains me to bring to your notice the practice, which has gained some prevalence in this jurisdiction, of making a matter of barter and sale of what is termed *keys* to the work. I am aware that this is done with no intention to wrong the Craft, or to lead it astray in forbidden paths, but such is the result, and already I find the evil creeping in and undermining some of the fairest of our temples in this jurisdiction. This should be checked, and if a Companion will so far forget his duty to the Craft or his obligations to himself, as to engage in this traffic, he should be met, first, with the remonstrance, and then with the prohibition of this Grand Body."

In relation to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Michigan he remarks:

"During the year just closed, harmony has prevailed throughout this jurisdiction, whilst, in other States, discord and confusion has kept the workmen from the temple, and shattered those already reared. Within our own, willing hands and true hearts have united in building structures worthy of the Royal Craft. The storm which has spread desolation over a portion of our Union, has reached us only as the waves breaking on a distant shore; fragments of wrecks reaching us occasionally, but leaving us, in the main, untouched."

The Committee on such portions of the address of the Grand High Priest, severally reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all Chapters under this grand jurisdiction shall conform to the work as adopted by this Grand Chapter, under the penalty of a forfeiture of their charters.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Grand High Priest to annul the charter of any Chapter which willfully violates the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That the publication and circulation, by sale or otherwise, of keys of the work pertaining to the Chapter degrees, not properly authenticated and approved by the Grand Lecturer, under the direction, or approval of this Grand Chapter, is hereby strictly prohibited, and any violation of this resolution shall subject the Companion so offending to charges for unmasonic conduct, and on conviction, to suspension or expulsion, as a majority of this Grand Chapter may, at any regular meeting, see fit and proper to inflict."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that they had received no communications from any Southern Grand Chapter, and but from twelve of the Grand Chapters of the loyal States; our own for 1862 was acknowledged. In concluding their review, they say:

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"That it is our confident hope that during the ensuing year we may again be placed in communication with most, if not all of our sister Grand Chapters; that the erring may return to their duty, from which they have so madly swerved, and that 'peace, love and unity,' once restored, may never again be so sadly dissevered."

The M. E. Benjamin Porter was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 32; number of exaltations, 399; number of members, 1594.

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this jurisdiction was held in the city of Washington, on the 9th of November, 1863. M. E. J. N. McJilton, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The address of the Grand High Priest was an able and interesting document, giving a full report of his labors for the past year, with many timely suggestions, interesting and instructive to the Fraternity. It is pleasant to learn that at our National Capitol Royal Arch Masonry is a living reality. The Grand High Priest, in speaking of the prosperity of the Order under his jurisdiction, remarks:

"Our Masonic pursuits, to be as prosperous as they appear, must be productive of the best and most satisfactory results. This depends upon the character of the material, which, by our labors, we are introducing into the Masonic brotherhood. If the material be of the right kind, there is success in its introduction; but if the material be not of the proper character, its union with the Fraternity will rather damage than improve the institution. It cannot be too frequently and effectually impressed upon our brethren and Companions, that the prosperity of our society does not consist in the quantity, but in the character of the material they manufacture. Prosperity in the Masonic family does not consist in the great increase of its members, nor in the wealth of its membership, but in the worthiness of character, and usefulness of the co-laborers in the important work of building up a vast moral temple, the area of whose foundation extends over the globe, the elevation of which is to be wrought through time, and its duration commensurate with eternity. A single imperfect ashlar detracts from the beauty and perfection of the edifice we are engaged in erecting; and, once laid upon the walls, it cannot be removed, but must remain as an evidence of the weakness and indiscretion of the builders. Let it be the study and labor of the true and faithful craftsmen to prevent such material

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from being placed among the well tried, true and trusty ashlars of our great Masonic temple."

The Grand High Priest reports the death of the Dep. Grand High Priest, Comp. Horatio Nelson Steele, who was elected on the 11th of November, 1862, and died on the 2d of December, 1862; also the death of Comp. Joseph Robinson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, which took place on the 17th of March, 1863:

"Comp. Robinson was highly esteemed by the Masonic Fraternity. His Masonic services extended over a period of fifty-two years; by his enlarged experience he rendered himself one of the most useful, as well as one of the most distinguished members of the Masonic Fraternity."

The Grand High Priest reports the granting of a dispensation for a Chapter in Washington, to be known as Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 20, and a charter was granted by the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest, in closing his address, after speaking of the beauty of the Royal Arch Degree, concludes by saying:

"Companions, if the ground be holy on which we stand as Royal Arch Masons, how careful should we be in guarding the entrance of the same; and with what watchfulness and discretion should we engage in the performance of our work within the tabernacle. The study of the character of the Royal Arch is the duty of every Companion, and in the conforming of his life and actions to its requirements will the beauty of holiness appear, in its visible illustration of the purposes and precepts of the institution, as drawn from the Volume of Inspiration, thus rendered practically apparent in the lives of the members of our ancient and honorable institution, demands the respect and shall secure the admiration of mankind. Companions, we meet upon hallowed ground, walled in by our landmarks. Within the inclosure none but the tried, the true and trusty, are permitted to enter. Let us ever perform our appointed services in the view of the great I AM, whose eye is always over us in vigilant watchfulness and whose hand is ever outstretched to protect and bless us."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of twelve State Grand Chapters, our own amongst the number. We can sympathize with our Companion in the non-reception of reports, as his experience is our own, and although our Grand Secretary has forwarded reports, and we have forwarded

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duplicates with a particular request to furnish a copy for our committee, but *one* solitary report has been received by us. We will allow Comp. Stevens to speak for us. He says:

"If our excellent Companions in other jurisdictions desire to perpetuate these interchanges of sentiment and fraternal greetings; if they have an interest in our deliberations as a Grand Chapter, and have not entirely overlooked the fact, that amid the terrible clangour of arms around us and the upheaving of the political elements as with an earthquake's shock, the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia still has a vigorous and healthy existence, and that our Convocations are held one-half of the time under the very shadow of the American Capitol, they will not pass us by in this cold, informal, and unfraternal manner. We have desired particularly to examine the proceedings of some jurisdictions and have taken the pains to write for them, but have failed to obtain them, or even a reply to our letters. We are confident that this is an unintentional negligence on the part of the Companions alluded to, and we trust that this allusion to the matter may serve as a 'word to the wise.'"

In reference to Massachusetts the Committee say:

"This Grand Chapter, as yet, has taken but little interest in the Royal Craft outside of her own jurisdiction, if we may judge from her annual reports. She has seemed to stand aloof in dignified silence, like our ancient and venerable neighbor, Pennsylvania, always receiving but seldom imparting Masonic knowledge. But of late a new light has dawned upon her vision, and we may expect a change."

The Committee, in reviewing the action of the Grand Chapter of Iowa in abolishing the office of Dep. Grand High Priest, have taken similar views to our own; and as we had completed our review of the proceedings of that jurisdiction, it is a source of gratification to us to find that we are supported in our views by one better versed in Masonic Jurisprudence than ourselves. In conclusion the Committee say:

"Let us then, my Companions, in imitation of the example of our brethren in other jurisdictions, while the destructive elements of war are making such sad havoc all around us, exemplify the God-given principles of our noble Order. Let our charities, which are co-extensive with the universe, be distributed with a liberal hand among all the needy, the afflicted and the destitute everywhere. On fields drenched in blood amid the clangour of arms and the shock of con-

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tending hosts, among friends and foes, wherever humanity suffers, let Masonic charity, like an angel of mercy, perform her heavenly mission. In homes made desolate to the aged, whom the war has deprived of their last stay and hope in this life—to the widow and the orphan—among hearts bleeding and broken—among the weeping and mourning all over the land, let Masonic charity do her office in relieving the hungry, clothing the naked, binding up the wounds of the afflicted, and comforting those who mourn."

M. E. John L. Yeates, of Baltimore, was elected Grand High Priest, and W. Morris Smith, of Washington, D. C., Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this jurisdiction, 10; number of exaltations the last year, 148; number of members in 9 Chapters, 590.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation in the city of Albany, on the 3d and 4th days of February, 1863. M. E. George H. Thacher, Grand High Priest, presiding. Most of the Chapters under this large jurisdiction were represented.

The Grand High Priest submitted his annual address, and after congratulating the Order upon the harmony that has existed throughout the entire jurisdiction, he proceeds:

"If any thing were wanting to demonstrate the wholesome influence of Masonry upon those who have been admitted to its fellowship, we need only contrast the condition of our Order with the turmoils and contentions which beset us in almost all other walks and departments of life. Those whose hearts have not been touched by the magic power, nay, I will not say the magic power, but the eternal fire that falls from Heaven upon the mystic altar, know nothing of the sublime faith with which the true Mason gazes upon the turbulence of the outer world, and that, too, when he is himself an actual participant in its conflicts. Nor can they understand why it is that, in the hour of general peril, when the very foundations of society seem to be breaking up, an institution, composed of different political and religious sentiments, of different associations and positions, preserves within itself such perfect accord, and holds its members together with such strong bonds of unity and friendship. They are amazed at the undeniable fact, that this institution, unlike others that have appeared and passed away, has, for so many centuries, survived the convulsion and wreck of states and empires, has withstood both political and religious persecutions aimed directly against itself, and that it still remains as firmly

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established as are the everlasting mountains upon their base. We know that the material temple, whose beauty and grandeur have never been surpassed, was overthrown and destroyed amid calamities like those to which we have referred, but that other and still more glorious temple, of which the former was the emblem, is now the dwelling-place of the God of our fathers, and is as indestructible as the pillars of His throne. To Him be all the glory 'For He is good, and His goodness endureth forever.'

I have been led to this train of remarks because of the terrible ordeal through which our people, and our country are now passing, and because I wish it to be placed on record, to be read by future generations, that these trying times have not severed one essential Masonic tie, nor diminished the fraternal regards, which our brethren of all sections of the country have always cultivated, and which have in all ages distinguished the Masonic character. Let me not be misunderstood. I do not pretend that Masons have not, in this deplorable civil contest, been arrayed against each other, in one sense, as enemies; far from it; but I do aver that while they have acted in accordance with their respective convictions of duty in regard to the great issue now pending, they have not permitted the passion of hate to quell the sympathies of brotherhood. Amidst the din of battle, amidst the roar of musketry and the clashing of sabres, as well as in the prison and the hospital, the captive and the wounded, have on both sides, experienced, at the hands of their opposing brethren, acts of kindness and alleviations of suffering which have served to materially assuage and mollify the horrors of war. Not only so, but through their intercession and influence, many of their comrades in arms, not members of the Order, have received, though they know not the cause, the same considerations and the same beneficent treatment. After the battle has ceased instances have been known where the dying soldier has expired with his head on the lap of his Masonic brother, and that brother one who had fought with equal bravery on the opposing side. Others have been nursed and cared for with a tenderness akin to that felt and exercised toward each other by members of the same family. Thank God but few exceptions to this statement have thus far been known. Let it also be remembered that these acts of kindness have been reciprocal. Thousands of our brothers and Companions, who have been actors in these tragic scenes, will bear their testimony to the truthfulness of what I say, and will forever bless the day that introduced them to the light and knowledge of our sacred mysteries."

We are not aware that our brethren in this jurisdiction are so forgetful of their religious duties in this particular as to be reminded of them, but we commend the following extract to their serious consideration:

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"Complaints have been made to me that Royal Arch Masons, in some localities, are accustomed to meet on the Sabbath for the purpose of imparting and receiving lectures and practising the work of the several degrees. In one instance I took occasion to reiterate the reprobation of the practice, as expressed by a resolution of the Grand Chapter on that subject. The reasons given by the Grand Chapter for their condemnation of such conduct, are that the Great Architect of the universe, after six days' labor, in which he brought into being the wonderful works of creation, rested on the seventh; that the Holy Bible, which enjoins the seventh as a day of rest, is the standard of our faith and practice—that it is contrary to the spirit and principles of our Order, and that it brings dishonor and disrepute on our Institution in the estimation of the Christian community. The Grand Chapter might well have advanced the additional reason, that it is against the example of our ancient brethren and Companions, who, not only while engaged in building the first temple, but at all other times, were careful to observe the seventh as the day on which there should be an entire cessation from labor."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on several questions referred to them, which reports were accepted and adopted by the Grand Chapter, viz:

"A Royal Arch Mason, being a member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction, who may reside in another State, is eligible to the office of High Priest."

"A Master Mason, having lost his left arm, cannot be made a Royal Arch Mason."

The Grand Chapter also confirmed the decision of the Grand Council:

"That the payment of dues restored to membership without further action of the Chapter; and that all dues up to the date of restoration must be paid."

The Commitee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen State Grand Chapters. We can sympathize with Comp. White, Chairman of the Committee, that the proceedings of Massachusetts were not received by him, and it is difficult to understand why so many of the proceedings of our Grand Bodies fail to reach their destination. Having written personally to many of the Grand Secretaries, and mailed a copy of our proceedings,

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with a request to reciprocate, we have as yet received but three, and that from Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota. There is but little in their report of general interest, with the exception of the resolutions that they submitted as the result of their labors:

"*Resolved*, That we are opposed to extensive Masonic legislation as likely to enact rules which *cannot* at all times be observed.

Resolved, That we believe the great body of Royal Arch Masons are men of sound sense, honorable and upright, who would not knowingly violate a Masonic landmark.

Resolved, That a few plain and simple rules for the guidance of subordinates, will be far less liable to variation than a multiplicity of them; and that peculiar circumstances may be safely left to the exigencies of the case in the discretion of the Council.

Resolved, That as Masons the less we say upon the exciting topics now agitating our country, the more perfectly we shall perform our duty as 'peace makers' among the Craft."

M. E. Darius A. Ogden, of Penn Yan, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John O. Cole re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 95; number of members in 86 Chapters, 4,428; number of exaltations in 86 Chapters, 426; 11 Chapters made no returns.

NEW JERSEY.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was held in the city of Trenton, on the 9th day of Sept., 1863. M. E. George B. Edwards, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, from which we present an extract, referring to the advantages to be gained, by a more frequent visitation of our members with neighboring Chapters. He says:

"A more frequent visitation amongst the Chapters would, I believe, tend to cement that unity of feeling so desirous, and create an emulation, inspiring that fraternal regard and esteem which is the true stamp of Masonry. With but few exceptions, and it is a matter of regret that they are so few, the general presence of members is not so numerous as is consistent with the benefits to be derived from attending the regular Convocations of Royal Arch Chapters; this may arise from causes beyond the control of Companions, but I fear that it is an

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evidence of that want of zeal evinced by many of the Craft, through a misconception of their duties and from unproficiency in the art, from which latter cause they lose much of the esoteric beauties; heeding not the charge delivered at their exaltation: 'If in all these things you have seen only a series of unmeaning rites, if the spirit of truth has not applied to your hearts the moral of these ceremonies, then, indeed, have we labored in vain, and you have spent your time for naught.'

The necessity of causing candidates to acquire a certain proficiency in the several degrees before advancement, is a subject which I respectfully submit for your consideration. The materials brought up to our mystic temple compare favorably with that of any previous term, and I think will be found largely to exceed that of last year numerically, while it will be discovered by the returns to be the work of a smaller number of Chapters. Capitular Masonry is increasing with us, and the prospects are flattering. The standard by which the ashlars are measured is of high tone; this, with a due regard to the overseer's squares, will be the means of preserving an excellence for which New Jersey has not been undistinguished among her compeers."

The following remarks are timely, and should be borne in mind by every Companion who regards the true mission of our Order:

"Companions, guard well the portals of our beautiful temple; beware of innovations, not only relating to our ritual, but those of politics and sectarian religion; they have no part in Masonry, no conformity with an institution in which are found 'men of every country, sect and opinion.' I am constrained to warn you thus, in view of the direful civil war now raging; political in its origin, it has engrossed the attention of young and old, creating dissension in families, rupturing friendships, and invading the sanctity of our churches; yea, brother against brother is striving for the mastery. Let not the discord pollute the sacred precincts of our courts and altars. The duty of every Mason is indellibly portrayed upon the very threshold of his career: 'In the State you are to be a quiet and peaceful citizen, true to your government and just to your country; and you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion.' Our course thus marked out, let us not forget that Masonry conflicts not with any man's religious or political opinions, and that as Masons we are bound together by an indissoluble affection for our common welfare."

The Grand High Priest reported the following decisions as having been made by him during the year; they were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who reported in their favor, and they were adopted by the Grand Chapter:

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"1. A ballot being ordered upon the acceptance or rejection of a candidate, it is incumbent upon all members present in good standing to cast a ballot.

2. That it is irregular for a Chapter to entertain a motion or application to confer any of the Chapter Degrees upon a candidate with the avowed intention of his becoming a Mason at large of such Degree."

3. Having been regularly elected and installed, the Council of a Chapter cannot resign their offices or demit from the Chapter, nor can the subordinate officers, excepting in cases of permanent removal from the jurisdiction."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen State Grand Bodies. There is much in this report that we should like to bring to the notice of our Companions, but our space forbids an extended notice. We can only regret that Comp. Jefferys has announced his intention of retiring from the position which he so ably fills as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. John Sheville was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John Wolverton re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 12; number of exaltations, 58; number of members, 445.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was holden in the city of Providence, on Wednesday the 11th day of March, 1863. M. E. Lyman Klapp, Grand High Priest, presiding.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we extract that portion referring particularly to the present organization of Royal Arch Masonry. He says:

"We have during the year visited officially all the subordinate Chapters within the jurisdiction but one, and installed their officers. It affords us great pleasure so bear testimony to the care and prudence which has been manifested in the judicious selection of the ablest Companions for the government of the several Chapters; and also to state that entire peace and harmony have, we believe, reigned within the walls of our temples. Less than the average number of exaltations have been reported during the present year; and we fear that the

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great majority of those who have taken the degrees have done so *mainly* that they might be qualified to apply for the orders of Knighthood in our Encampments or Commanderies. This fact suggests a subject in which we have felt a deep interest, and to which we desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapter, not doubting that it will receive at your hands that calm and intelligent, but earnest consideration which its importance demands. We refer to the desirableness of a return to the 'old work' and 'landmarks' of Ancient Craft Masonry, by the abolition of the Chapter Degrees, and the restoration to the symbolic Lodges of all that originally belonged to them."

The Grand High Priest then discusses to some extent the utility of some of the degrees in connection with the Royal Arch, and "the desirableness of a restoration" of the Royal Arch to its rightful place in the work of Masonry, and stating "some of the historical facts in relation to the Chapter Degrees." In closing, he remarks:

"We can only express the earnest desire of our heart that nothing may be attempted hastily or unadvisedly; but only after mature reflection, and with the approbation or consent of the great majority of the Fraternity throughout the country."

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest was referred to a Committee, who submitted the following report:

"The principal subject, referring to the degrees conferred in Royal Arch Chapters, is, in the opinion of your Committee, of very great importance. If it should be found by indisputable historical facts that the M. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch Degrees, are of recent origin, and have been manufactured within the period of written Masonic history, we certainly, as candid men, should be ready to set them aside, and no longer impose a fiction upon novitiates which we do not believe ourselves, and continue a practice which must be injurious to symbolic Masonry."

The Committee also reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by this Grand Chapter to examine and thoroughly investigate the origin and history of the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, as conferred by Chapters in this country, and to report at the next annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

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We fear that our Companions in Rhode Island have undertaken an Herculean task in establishing, by undoubted evidence, the origin of Royal Arch Masonry in this country, or from how many different sources it was received. There is not much doubt that the two bodies working in this State, before the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and who formed the Grand Chapter, received their authority from different sources. It would be rendering a great service to the Masonic historian to have this question settled once for all; but whilst one claims to be of the "*Ancients*," another of the "*Moderns*," who, in the absence of any reliable evidence, is to determine it?

When we take into consideration that there has always been a doubt as to the practical utility of multiplying Masonic Degrees, yet Royal Arch Masonry has steadily increased, and will continue to increase just so long as we live up to, and exemplify, in our daily practice, the beautiful lessons inculcated in these degrees, and we regret to have it announced, that in any jurisdiction exaltations are merely preparatory to the reception of the Encampment Degrees. It is not so in this jurisdiction; and I think that the best working officers in every grade of Masonry, and those who take the most interest in the welfare and prosperity of our Order, are those who are active members of our Chapters, and as far as our observation goes, this will prove true in *most* of the other jurisdictions. We do not think it wise at the present day to weaken our Order by attempting to undermine any of its foundations; let us receive it, as it has been transmitted to us, and endeavor to make it the means of improving those who come under its teachings.

M. E. Nathan H. Gould was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Samuel B. Swan, of Providence, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this jurisdiction, 5; number exalted the past year, 24; total membership, 530.

VERMONT.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Bradford, on the 7th of October, 1863. M. E. Barzellai Davenport, Grand High Priest, presiding. Every Chapter but two were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was an interesting document. We quote that portion of it referring to the admission of members, and commend it particularly to the attention of every Royal Arch Mason:

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"We have often been admonished by wise and good men to beware of admitting unworthy members, to guard well the portals of our temple, and admit none who could not trace their genealogy to that noble family who wrought so hard at the building of the first temple; and we all know how much easier it is to keep the door closed against unworthy members, than it is to cut them off when once received within our veils. It is better to cut off a right arm, or put out a right eye, than that the whole body should perish; and yet we hope the brother will reform, and therefore defer the act which separates him from his Companions. Nothing is more difficult in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons than the maintainance of discipline. We know what we ought to do, we know what is our duty to our brother—to remind him of his faults in the most tender manner, and if possible aid his reformation, but it is an unpleasant duty to perform; we had much rather commend a Companion for some good deed he has done than tell him of his faults; and yet perhaps we could render him no greater service, than to remind him of the duty he has omitted to discharge, or of the error he has committed in doing a thing that he ought not to have done. I do not say these things, Companions, because I am less guilty than you. I am conscious of neglect of duty in this matter, and as there might be others who have failed to discharge their duty in like manner, I have seen fit to speak of it."

The business of the session was confined to its own affairs; nothing of general interest to the Order outside of their jurisdiction was transacted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of eleven State Grand Chapters; our own for 1862 included. We find nothing of general interest in this report that has not been noticed in the reports from the several Grand Bodies thus reviewed.

Comp. Gamaliel Washburn, of Montpelier, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. John B. Hollenbeck re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this jurisdiction, 13; number of members reported, 844; exaltations not given.

From an examination of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, which have been received by this Grand Body, we note with pleasure the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry within their several jurisdictions; but it is with sorrow that we have to record that there are other jurisdictions who are cut off from all communication with us; even we fear that their altars have been overthrown and

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their "lights extinguished." We truly sympathize with every *true* brother who has been compelled to yield to the influences by which he was surrounded, and hope and pray that the day is not far distant when "Peace may again reign within their walls; and prosperity within their palaces."

But whilst our country is being convulsed to its very centre, and war, with its unnumbered woes, is carrying desolation into so many once happy homes, our Order is nobly fulfilling its mission; whilst at the same time it is being subjected to the severest tests that it has ever been called upon to pass through; and it should be a source of gratitude to every brother, that it has thus far been so true to its professions. Wherever we turn, North or South, throughout the whole length and breadth of our land, the battle-fields, the prisons, the hospitals, the desolate homes, all bear witness that the vital principles of our Order have not been forgotten.

Most respectfully submitted,

JAMES KIMBALL,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

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OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ELECTED SEPTEMBER 18, 1864.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. CALEB RAND,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
M. E. ALBERT E. FOTH,	Grand King.
M. E. WANTON T. DREW,	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS,	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON,	Grand Master 3d Veil.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT,	Grand Master 2d Veil.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS,	Grand Master 1st Veil.
E. PETER C. JONES,	Grand Treasurer,
E. THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
E. BENJAMIN P. SHILLABER,	Senior Grand Steward.
E. WM. WHITMARSH,	Junior Grand Steward.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,	Grand Lecturer.
E. Rev. RUFUS S. POPE, E. Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, E. Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN,	Grand Chaplains.
E. JOHN McCLELLAN, E. RICHARD BRIGGS, E. WM. F. KNOWLES,	Committee on Finance.
E. PETER C. JONES, E. WM. PARKMAN, E. RICHARD BRIGGS,	Trustees of the Funds.
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN, E. THOMAS WATERMAN, E. SAMUEL MILLARD,	Committee of Charity.
E. JAMES KIMBALL,	Com. on Foreign Correspondence.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL,	Grand Sentinel.

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PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.,	1798, 99, 1800.
*Dudley Atkins Tyng,	1801, 2.
*Timothy Bigelow,	1803, 4, 5.
*Isaiah Thomas,	1806, 7, 8.
*Oliver Prescott,	1809.
*James Dean Hopkins,	1810, 11, 12.
*John Abbot,	1813, 14, 15.
*Andrew Sigourney,	1816, 17.
*James Prescott,	1818, 19.
*Jonathan Gage,	1820, 21, 22.
*Paul Dean,	1823, 24, 25.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens,	1826, 27, 28.
*Samuel Clark,	1829, 30, 31.
*Josiah J. Fiske,	1832, 33.
*Edward A. Raymond,	1834, 35, 36.
Simon W. Robinson,	1837, 38, 39.
*John B. Hammatt,	1840.
*Elijah Atherton,	1841, 42, 43.
Thomas Tolman,	1844, 45.
Charles W. Moore,	1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon,	1849, 50, 51.
*Stephen Lovell,	1852, 53, 54.
Daniel Harwood,	1855, 56.
Wendell Thornton Davis,	1857.
John McClellan,	1858.
James Kimball,	1859, 60, 61.

* Deceased.

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PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng,	1799, from April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage,	1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf,	1800.
*Simon Eliot,	1801, 2.
*Benjamin Russell,	1803–08, and 1816–20.
*Henry Fowle,	1808–14.
*James C. King,	1814, 15.
*Samuel L. Knapp,	1820.
*Paul Dean,	1821, 22
*Augustus Peabody,	1823–1826.
*Benjamin Huntoon,	1826–29.
*Robert Lash,	1829–33.
Thomas Tolman,	1833 and 1841–44.
Gardner Ruggles,	1834–37.
*John B. Hammatt,	1837–40.
*Elijah Atherton,	1840.
*Elias Haskell,	1844, 45.
*Ruel Baker,	1846, 47.
Gilbert Nurse,	1848.
Winslow Lewis, Jr.,	1849.
*Stephen Lovell,	1850, 51.
Timothy Ingraham,	1852.
E. M. P. Wells,	1853.
Joseph Bedlow,	1854.
Samuel K. Hutchinson,	1855.
William R. Alger,	1856.
Tracy P. Cheever,	1857.
*Isaac P. Seavy,	1858.
Wyzeman Marshall,	1859.
Solon Thornton,	1860.
Richard Briggs,	1861.
Albert H. Kirkham,	1862.
John K. Hall,	1863.

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PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng,	1798.
*James Harrison,	1799.
*William McKean,	1800.
*Charles Jackson,	1801.
*Benjamin Russell,	1802.
*Gilman White,	1803, 4.
*David Coffin, Jr.,	1805.
*Amos Tappan,	1806.
*Oliver Prescott,	1807, 8.
*William Woart,	1809, 10.
*John Abbot,	1811, 12.
*Samuel L. Knapp,	1813, 14.
*Henry Fowle,	1815.
*James C. King,	1816, 17.
*Joseph Brown,	1818.
*Robert Lash,	1819.
*Caleb Butler,	1820–23.
Henry Whipple,	1823.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens,	1824–25.
Richard S. Spofford,	1826–29.
*Charles Train,	1829–32.
*Edward A. Raymond,	1832, 33.
*William Whiting,	1834, 35.
Simon W. Robinson,	1836.
*Elijah Atherton,	1837–40.
Enoch Hobart,	1840.
*John R. Bradford,	1841–44.
Charles W. Moore,	1844, 45.
Gilbert Nurse,	1846, 47.
William Eaton,	1848.
Lucien B. Keith,	1849.
Samuel Millard,	1850, 51.
John Flint,	1852.
James W. Crooks,	1853.
Ebenezer W. Tolman,	1854.
Jonathan G. Johnson,	1855.
Wendell Thornton Davis,	1856.

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William Parkman,	1857.
William H. L. Smith,	1858.
William W. Baker,	1859.
*Sylvester Baxter,	1860.
William S. Shurtleff,	1861.
Charles C. Dame,	1862.
Henry Chickering,	1863.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*James Harrison,	1798.
*Joshua Greenleaf,	1799.
*Charles Jackson,	1800.
*Benjamin Russell,	1801.
*Stephen Howard,	1802.
*Abraham Perkins,	1803, 4.
*Samuel A. Otis,	1805.
*James Dean Hopkins,	1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.,	1807, 8.
*Thomas Jackson,	1809.
*Sumner Barstow,	1810.
*Henry Purkett,	1811.
*Edward Turner,	1812.
*Andrew Sigourney,	1813, 14.
*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.,	1815.
*Joseph Brown,	1816, 17.
*Robert Lash,	1818.
*James Morse,	1819, 20.
*Rosewell Lee,	1821.
*Daniel Baxter,	1822.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens,	1823.
*John James Loring,	1824, 25.
*Samuel Clark,	1826–29.
Charles Wells,	1829–33.
*William Whiting,	1833.
Simon W. Robinson,	1834, 35.
*Elijah Atherton,	1836.
Enoch Hobart,	1837–40.
*John R. Bradford,	1840.

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Robert Keith, ...	1841–44.
*Ruel Baker, ...	1844, 45.
*Joel Talbot, ...	1846, 47.
Lucien B. Keith, ...	1848.
Samuel Millard, ...	1849.
*Henry Earl, ...	1850, 51.
Jonas A. Marshall, ...	1852.
*Horace Chenery, ...	1853.
John McClellan, ...	1854.
Abraham A. Dame, ...	1855.
John Andrews, ...	1856.
Joel Spalding, ...	1857.
James Kimball, ...	1858.
Henry Goddard, ...	1859.
George Sherwin, ...	1860.
George Talbot, ...	1861.
Moses H. Fowler, ...	1862.
John N. Pike, ...	1863.

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ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THIS JURISDICTION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1864,

WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A. L. 5769.

Marlborough Williams,	High Priest.
Lyman B. Meston,	King.
George T. Ambrose,	Scribe.
——— ———	Captain of the Host.
Alfred F. Chapman,	Principal Sojourner.
James W. Kimball,	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles W. Romney,	Master of 3d Veil.
J. N. M. Clough,	Master of 2d Veil.
E. B. Vannevar,	Master of 1st Veil.
John McClellan,	Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman,	Secretary.
John P. Robinson,	Chaplain.
E. W. Hastings,	Senior Steward.
Wm. S. Hills,	Junior Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 291. Candidates exalted, 42. Fees to Grand Chapter, $132. Regular Meetings first Wednesday in each month.

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KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

A. L. 5790.

John N. Pike,	High Priest.
Warren Currier,	King.
Wm. H. Johnson,	Scribe.
Tristram Talbot,	Captain of the Host.
John Walton,	Principal Sojourner.
Gamaliel Hodges,	Royal Arch Captain.
Enoch G. Currier,	Master of 3d Veil.
Nicholas Johnson,	Master of 2d Veil.
S. A. Smith,	Master of 1st Veil.
Mark Symonds,	Treasurer.
David J. Adams,	Secretary.
O. S. Butler,	Chaplain.
Samuel Noyes,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 47. Candidates exalted, 3. Fees to Grand Chapter, $15. Regular Meetings Thursday succeeding full moon.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

A. L. 5811.

James Kimball,	High Priest.
John R. Smith,	King.
Wm. C. Maxwell,	Scribe.
George W. Sargent,	Captain of the Host.
Wm. L. Batchelder,	Principal Sojourner.
Joseph C. Cheever,	Royal Arch Captain.
Jonathan Davis,	Master of 3d Veil.
Addison Goodhue,	Master of 2d Veil.
Daniel H. Jewett,	Master of 1st Veil.
Alva Kendall, Jr.,	Treasurer.
Wm. Archer,	Secretary, *pro tem.*
Augustus L. Curtin,	Senior Steward.
Jeremiah Wallis,	Junior Steward.
Edward Rea,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 87. Candidates exalted, 11. Fees to Grand Chapter, $39. Regular Meetings first Thursday in each month.

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ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

A. L. 5816.

Wanton T. Drew,	High Priest.
John B. Baylies,	King.
Henry Taber, 2d.,	Scribe.
Wm. W. Arnold,	Captain of the Host.
Albert H. W. Carpenter,	Principal Sojourner.
John A. Lee,	Royal Arch Captain.
Henry Fields, Jr.,	Master of 3d Veil.
George Bliss,	Master of 2d Veil.
Henry G. Pomeroy,	Master of 1st Veil.
Edward Stetson,	Treasurer.
Elisha C. Leonard,	Secretary.
John Fuller,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 220. Candidates exalted, 37. Fees to Grand Chapter, $117. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

A. L. 5817.

James H. Call,	High Priest.
Albert E. Foth,	King.
W. E. Granger,	Scribe.
Burral Riggs,	Captain of the Host.
E. W. Clark,	Principal Sojourner.
E. H. Sollace,	Royal Arch Captain.
H. A. Keith,	Master of 3d Veil.
Charles E. Moore,	Master of 2d Veil.
Charles D. Leet,	Master of 1st Veil.
T. Warner, Jr.,	Treasurer.
Joseph M. Hall,	Secretary.
Josiah Marvin,	Chaplain.
Jesse Britton,	Senior Steward.
George H. Hamilton,	Junior Steward.
George D. Rollins,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 188. Candidates exalted, 36. Fees to Grand Chapter, $114. Regular meetings first Friday in each month.

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FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

A. D. 5817.

W. T. Davis,	High Priest.
Wm. C. Robinson,	King.
Anson Mitchell,	Scribe.
David Lyon,	Captain of the Host.
E. P. Graves,	Principal Sojourner.
Charles L. Fiske, Sen.,	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles Parsons, Jr.,	Master of 3d Veil.
Felix Chillingsworth,	Master of 2d Veil.
H. B. Stevens,	Master of 1st Veil.
R. Howland,	Treasurer.
Geo. H. Hovey,	Secretary.
P. Smith,	Chaplain.
Henry Waitt,	Senior Steward.
James W. Chapman,	Junior Steward.
E. J. Rice,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 76. Candidates exalted, 11. Fees to Grand Chapter, $39. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or after full moon.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A. L. 5818.

Caleb Rand,	High Priest.
Henry Endicott,	King.
John F. Currier,	Scribe.
Z. H. Thomas, Jr.,	Captain of the Host.
Joseph W. Tapley,	Principal Sojourner.
Geo. W. Appleton,	Royal Arch Captain.
Sidney A. Stetson,	Master of 3d Veil.
Charles E. Swinerton,	Master of 2d Veil.
Wm. C. Ulman,	Master of 1st Veil.
Benjamin F. Nourse,	Treasurer.
Theodore H. Emmons,	Secretary.
Niels Jacobs,	Senior Steward.
Elisha Pote,	Junior Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 330. Candidates exalted, 32. Fees to Grand Chapter, $102. Regular Meetings third Tuesday of each month.

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MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

A. L. 5820.

George Talbot,	High Priest.
Jonathan R. Gay,	King.
Bradford Kinsley,	Scribe.
James Swan,	Captain of the Host.
Hiram Gay,	Principal Sojourner.
Azel Capen,	Royal Arch Captain.
Benjamin F. Savels,	Master of 3d Veil.
L. W. Puffer,	Master of 2d Veil.
Jarvis Burrell,	Master of 1st Veil.
Lemuel Gay,	Treasurer.
Ansel Capen,	Secretary.

Present number of Members, 31. Candidates exalted, 12. Fees to Grand Chapter, $42. Regular Meetings on Friday preceding full moon.

THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

A L. 5821.

C. S. Litch,	High Priest.
Henry T. Pratt,	King.
George Wheelock,	Scribe.
C. E. Pratt,	Captain of the Host.
J. E. Manning,	Principal Sojourner.
Warren C. Upton,	Royal Arch Captain.
Francis Sheldon,	Master of 3d Veil.
W. P. Smith,	Master of 2d Veil.
Albert Tainter,	Master of 1st Veil.
Arnold Wilson,	Treasurer.
C. J. Delahanty,	Secretary.
A. O. Hamilton,	Chaplain.
Joseph Pierce,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 66. Candidates exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, $24. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or before full moon, each month, July excepted.

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WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

A. L. 5823.

Henry Goddard,	High Priest.
Daniel W. Knowlton,	King.
A. Y. Thompson,	Scribe.
Benjamin Lewis,	Captain of the Host.
Lewis C. Stone,	Principal Sojourner.
Joseph B. Lawrence,	Royal Arch Captain.
Wm. S. Goodwin,	Master of 3d Veil.
Frank H. Rice,	Master of 2d Veil.
John W. Jordan,	Master of 1st Veil.
Asa Walker,	Treasurer.
R. M. Gould,	Secretary.
Daniel Seagrave,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 93. Candidates exalted, 27. Fees to Grand Chapter, $87. Regular Meetings second Friday in each month.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

A. L. 5824.

Stephen Matthewson,	High Priest.
Grinfill B. Knights,	King.
Charles T. Eames,	Scribe.
George E. Stacy,	Captain of the Host.
Wheaton B. Gibson,	Principal Sojourner.
Henry C. Skinner,	Royal Arch Captain.
Sullivan C. Sumner,	Master of 3d Veil.
Franklin D. Howe,	Master of 2d Veil.
Charles E. Whitney,	Master of 1st Veil.
Leonard Hunt,	Treasurer.
Lewis Fales,	Secretary.
Leonard Wakefield,	Chaplain.
Alfred H. Hastings,	Senior Steward.
John S. Cox,	Junior Steward.
John M. Wood,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 83. Candidates exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, $24. Regular Meetings on Thursday following full moon.

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NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

A. L. 5825.

Samuel W. Lee, Jr.,	High Priest.
Robert R. Mayers,	King.
William D. Axtel,	Scribe.
George F. Wright,	Captain of the Host.
Josiah H. Prindle,	Principal Sojourner.
George S. Clark,	Royal Arch Captain.
James Porter,	Master of 3d Veil.
Joseph Woodard,	Master of 2d Veil.
Cyrus I. Emmerson,	Master of 1st Veil.
Ansel Wright,	Treasurer.
Amasa D. Wade,	Secretary.
William T. Clemant,	Chaplain.
E. W. Nichols,	Senior Steward.
Ansel Wright, Jr.,	Junior Steward.
Alvin S. Field,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 72. Candidates exalted, 8. Fees to Grand Chapter, $30. Regular Meetings first Wednesday in each month.

CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

A. L. 5826.

Jonathan Greenwood,	High Priest.
Samuel A. Hastings,	King.
A. S. Lewis,	Scribe.
C. R. Train,	Captain of the Host.
B. Morse,	Principal Sojourner.
D. M. Gerry,	Royal Arch Captain.
F. Cloyes,	Master of 3d Veil.
Nelson Winch,	Master of 2d Veil.
T. Washburn,	Master of 1st Veil.
Adam Hemenway, 2d,	Treasurer.
Chas. J. Frost,	Secretary.
A. C. Alsop,	Chaplain.
D. M. Dadmun,	Senior Steward.

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Miranda Page, ... Junior Steward.
T. Washburn, ... Tyler.

Present number of Members, 34. Candidates exalted, 14. Fees to Grand Chapter, $48. Regular Meetings first Thursday in each month.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

A. L. 5826.

Thomas G. Gerrish, ... High Priest.
Ruel J. Walker, ... King.
Hiram N. Hall, ... Scribe.
T. L. P. Lamson, ... Captain of the Host.
Frederick T. North, ... Principal Sojourner.
James C. Abbott, ... Royal Arch Captain.
Albion J. Dudley, ... Master of 3d Veil.
George J. Carney, ... Master of 2d Veil.
Charles Morrill, ... Master of 1st Veil.
Jonathan P. Folsom, ... Treasurer.
Richard W. Baker, ... Secretary.
T. Edson. . . . . Chaplain.
Jonathan Rice, ... Senior Steward.
Asa D. Clark, ... Junior Steward.
A. S. Saunders, ... Tyler.

Present number of Members, 151. Candidates exalted, 10. Fees to Grand Chapter, $36. Regular Meetings Monday on or preceding full moon.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

A. L. 5854.

Samuel L. Fowle, ... High Priest.
Walter Burnham, ... King.
John Tyrer, ... Scribe.
Elisha J. Cleveland, ... Captain of the Host.
John Garney, ... Principal Sojourner.
Nathaniel Haley, ... Royal Arch Captain.
Wm. H. Varney, ... Master of 3d Veil.
James M. McLarty, ... Master of 2d Veil.

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Horace L. Cummings,	Master of 1st Veil.
George T. Sampson,	Treasurer.
Hezekiah Mayo,	Secretary.
Richard Libbey,	Chaplain.
Frederick H. Chessman,	Senior Steward.
Henry Winton,	Junior Steward.
Samuel W. Gleason,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 70. Candidates exalted, 23. Fees to Grand Chapter, $75. Regular Meetings fourth Monday in each month.

CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

A. L. 5855.

George H. Marden,	High Priest.
James E. Burrell,	King.
William Goodwin,	Scribe.
Charles M. Avery,	Captain of the Host.
Charles T. Gay,	Principal Sojourner.
Charles F. Haynes,	Royal Arch Captain.
E. T. Woodward,	Master of 3d Veil.
Alexander Campbell,	Master of 2d Veil.
Henry O. Allen,	Master of 1st Veil.
Slade Luther,	Treasurer.
Charles Caldwell,	Secretary.
Charles H. Leonard,	Chaplain.
George W. Vose,	Senior Steward.
James Gordon,	Junior Steward.
Wm. C. Norton,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 123. Candidates exalted, 19. Fees to Grand Chapter, $63. Regular Meetings second Wednesday in each month.

ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

A. L. 5856.

Rufus S. Pope,	High Priest.
Frederick Hebard,	King.
Hartson Hallet,	Scribe.

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Joseph K. Baker, Jr.,	Captain of the Host.
George J. Miller,	Principal Sojourner.
Samuel Snow,	Royal Arch Captain.
Sylvester Baker, Jr.,	Master of 3d Veil.
George Marston,	Master of 2d Veil.
Levi L. Simmons,	Master of 1st Veil.
Alexander Baxter,	Treasurer.
Alvan S. Hallett,	Secretary.
George S. Alexander,	Chaplain.
J. Winslow Chapman,	Senior Steward.
Warren H. Bearse,	Junior Steward.
John H. Frost,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 39. Candidates exalted, 5. Fees to Grand Chapter, $21. Regular Meetings Thursday on or before full moon.

PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

A. L. 5856.

James E. Gale,	High Priest.
Daniel Fitz,	King.
Charles W. Chase,	Scribe.
F. I. Stevens,	Captain of the Host.
D. B. Tenney,	Principal Sojourner.
N. R. Johnson,	Royal Arch Captain.
L. C. Wadleigh,	Master of 3d Veil.
B. F. Leighton,	Master of 2d Veil.
Geo. S. Chase,	Master of 1st Veil.
J. P. Randall,	Treasurer.
A. Whittier,	Secretary.
C. H. Seymour,	Chaplain.
A. Wheeler,	Senior Steward.
I. B. Richardson,	Junior Steward.
A. G. Bradley,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 78. Candidates exalted, 22. Fees to Grand Chapter, $72. Regular Meetings first Friday in each month.

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BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

A. L. 5858.

Henry Chickering,	High Priest.
Daniel Upton,	King.
William Demming,	Scribe.
A. N. Allen,	Captain of the Host.
H. S. Russell,	Principal Sojourner.
L. Scott,	Royal Arch Captain.
G. A. Murdock,	Master of 3d Veil.
J. C. Parker,	Master of 2d Veil.
L. H. Gamwell,	Master of 1st Veil.
I. Carter,	Treasurer.
I. D. Francis,	Secretary.

Present number of Members, 36. Candidates exalted, 19. Fees to Grand Chapter, $63. Regular Meetings first Thursday in each month.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, ENFIELD.

A. L. 5858.

Daniel B. Gillett,	High Priest.
John Crosby,	King.
Stephen Douglas,	Scribe.
George Robinson,	Captain of the Host.
John T. Jordan,	Principal Sojourner.
John S. Wilson,	Royal Arch Captain.
Michael H. Gross,	Master of 3d Veil.
Samuel H. Phelps,	Master of 2d Veil.
D. W. Miner,	Master of 1st Veil.
W. C. Sheldon,	Treasurer.
Francis De Witt,	Secretary.
Henry Fobes,	Chaplain.
David Allen,	Senior Steward.
Thomas Smith,	Junior Steward.
Robert Powers,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 24. Candidates exalted, none. Fees to Grand Chapter, $6. Regular Meetings Thursday next following the Tuesday preceding full moon.

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KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

A. L. 5860.

Henry S. Clarke,	High Priest.
James E. Carpenter,	King.
William H. Thomas,	Scribe.
Carmi Richmond,	Captain of the Host.
Wm. W. Skinner,	Principal Sojourner.
L. E. Carpenter,	Royal Arch Captain.
Edwin Richmond,	Master of 3d Veil.
William Graves,	Master of 2d Veil.
N. B. Wilmarth,	Master of 1st Veil.
Wm. Carpenter,	Treasurer.
Eliphalet Smith,	Secretary.
C. A. Bradley,	Chaplain.
Isaac P. Carpenter,	Senior Steward.
Henry C. Wheaton,	Junior Steward.
A. A. Wilmarth,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 25. Candidates exalted, 3. Fees to Grand Chapter, $15. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or after full moon.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

A. L. 5860.

John Stowe,	High Priest.
Wm. H. Jaquith,	King.
Eben Sawyer,	Scribe.
D. F. Robinson,	Captain of the Host.
W. H. Fernald,	Principal Sojourner.
John F. Cogswell,	Royal Arch Captain.
B. C. Whitcomb,	Master of 3d Veil.
John Haigh,	Master of 2d Veil.
H. H. Phillips,	Master of 1st Veil.
Rufus Reed,	Treasurer.
Daniel P. Crocker,	Secretary.
Wm. L. Jenkins,	Chaplain.
A. S. Wright,	Senior Steward.

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H. Plummer, ... Junior Steward.
Benjamin Bordman, ... Tyler.

Present number of Members, 42. Candidates exalted, 13. Fees to Grand Chapter, $45. Regular Meetings on the last Wednesday of each month.

PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

A. L. 5862.

Wm. W. Whitmarsh, ... High Priest.
Samuel B. Thaxter, ... King.
Abner Holbrook, ... Scribe.
Micah Nash, ... Captain of the Host.
William H. Davis, ... Principal Sojourner.
Nathaniel T. Hunt, ... Royal Arch Captain.
Henry Hobart, ... Master of 3d Veil.
H. F. Whidden, ... Master of 2d Veil.
George C. Pratt, ... Master of 1st Veil.
Wm. P. Corthell, ... Treasurer.
E. M. Nash, ... Secretary.
F. R. Howland, ... Chaplain.
George W. Reed, ... Senior Steward.
Charles H. Townsend, ... Junior Steward.
Joseph F. French, ... Tyler.

Present number of Members, 73. Candidates exalted, 56. Fees to Grand Chapter, $174. Regular Meetings Friday on or after full moon.

WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

A. L. 5863.

Freeman Baker, ... High Priest.
F. J. Foss, ... King.
Lyman Dike, ... Scribe.
Levi S. Gould, ... Captain of the Host.
Samuel Tidd, ... Principal Sojourner.
William K. Spinney, ... Royal Arch Captain.
Albert P. Perkins, ... Master of 3d Veil.
Charles C. Dike, ... Master of 2d Veil.
Daniel Norton, Jr., ... Master of 1st Veil.

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George W. Heath,	Treasurer.
Walter Littlefield,	Secretary.
Henry E. Robinson,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 89. Candidates exalted, 39. Fees to Grand Chapter, $123. Regular Meetings second Wednesday of each month.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

A. L. 5863.

Benjamin Dean,	High Priest.
Edward H. Brainard,	King.
D. McBean Thaxter,	Scribe.
Benjamin Pope,	Captain of the Host.
Charles H. White,	Principal Sojourner.
Benjamin T. Wells,	Royal Arch Captain.
Frederick G. Walbridge,	Master of 3d Veil.
Hugh McCully,	Master of 2d Veil.
John J. Dyer,	Master of 1st Veil.
Horace Smith,	Treasurer.
N. A. Apollonio,	Secretary.
J. I. T. Coolidge,	Chaplain.
William Neilson,	Senior Steward.
William D. Rockwood,	Junior Steward.
John M. Gilbert,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 51. Candidates exalted from the date of organization to Aug. 31, 1864, 81. Fees to Grand Chapter, $255. Regular meetings second Monday in each month.

HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

A. L. 5863.

James B. Shaw,	High Priest.
Elisha W. Shales,	King.
Daniel D. Moody,	Scribe.
Sylvanus G. Shaw,	Captain of the Host.
Edward C. Robinson,	Principal Sojourner.

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Edward F. Morris,	Royal Arch Captain.
Rice M. Reynolds,	Master of 3d Veil.
Frederick J. Wassum,	Master of 2d Veil.
John Thayer,	Master of 1st Veil.
Nelson F. Rogers,	Treasurer.
Wm. W. Cross,	Secretary.
John E. Cram,	Chaplain.
Calvin W. Hastings,	Senior Steward.
Charles Gates,	Junior Steward.
Daniel B. Hannum,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 31. Candidates exalted, 16. Fees to Grand Chapter, $53. Regular Meetings Wednesday succeeding full moon.

MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

A. L. 5863.

Daniel W. Lawrence,	High Priest.
Nehemiah T. Merritt,	King.
Henry H. Gilman,	Scribe.
Samuel C. Lawrence,	Captain of the Host.
Joseph Darby,	Principal Sojourner.
George Curtis,	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles E. Joyce,	Master of 3d Veil.
James H. Archibald,	Master of 2d Veil.
Daniel A. Gleason,	Master of 1st Veil.
Luther Farwell,	Treasurer.
Parker R. Litchfield,	Secretary.
Eliab W. Badger,	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 45. Candidates exalted, 12. Regular Meetings Thursday full moon.

SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

A. L. 5863.

Alonzo C. Blethen,	High Priest.
John G. Dudley,	King.
Benjamin H. Atkins,	Scribe.
Charles W. Wilson,	Captain of the Host.

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James F. Hartshorn, Jr., ...	Principal Sojourner.
James A. Austin, ...	Royal Arch Captain.
Joshua C. Eldred, ...	Master of 3d Veil.
Ezekiel F. Estes, ...	Master of 2d Veil.
John G. Myer, ...	Master of 1st Veil.
Josiah Brown, ...	Treasurer.
Henry C. Oliver, ...	Secretary.
Wm. B. Phillips, ...	Senior Steward.
John H. Bean, ...	Junior Steward.
George T. Estes, ...	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 29. Candidates exalted, 27. Fees to Grand Chapter, $80. Regular Meetings second Thursday in each month.

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THE FOLLOWING NEWLY ORGANIZED CHAPTERS WORKING UNDER DISPENSATION.

FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

A. L. 5864.

Robert C. Brown,	High Priest.
C. A. Holmes,	King.
Joshua Remington,	Scribe.

CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

A. L. 5864.

Henry Endicott,	High Priest.
Wm. F. Knowles,	King.
Joseph G. Holt,	Scribe.

WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

A. L. 5864.

Hiram M. Britton,	High Priest.
Charles A. Welch,	King.
Wm. B. Bothamly,	Scribe.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

A. L. 5864.

John H. Eddy,	High Priest.
William Cox,	King.
William H. Brown,	Scribe.

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RECAPITULATION.

Chapter.	Exalted.	No. Members.
St. Andrew's,	42	291
King Cyrus,	3	47
Washington,	11	87
Adoniram,	37	220
Morning Star,	36	158
Franklin,	11	76
St. Paul's,	32	330
Mount Zion,	31	12
Thomas,	6	66
Worcester,	27	93
Mt. Lebanon,	6	83
Northampton,	8	72
Concord,	14	34
Mt. Horeb,	10	151
St. John's,	23	70
Shekinah,	19	123
Orient,	5	39
Pentucket,	22	72
Berkshire,	19	36
King Solomon's,	0	24
Keystone,	3	25
Mount Sinai,	13	42
Pilgrim,	56	73
Waverly,	39	89
St. Matthew's,	81	51
Hampden,	16	31
Mystic,	12	45
Sutton.	27	29
Total, 1864,	609	2469
" 1863,	300	2035
Increase,	309	434

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